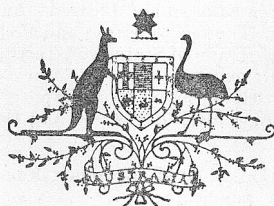


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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

States and Territories.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Exclusive of Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 31st December, 1940.			Population—Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1939.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,401,005	1,388,118	2,789,123	1,302,890
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	949,764	969,010	1,918,774	1,046,750
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	536,775	492,838	1,029,613	326,000
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	297,849	300,242	598,091	322,990
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	244,137	224,174	468,311	224,800
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	123,225	119,832	243,057	65,450
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	6,308	2,544	8,852	2,250
A.C.T. . .	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,034	5,834	12,868	10,420
Total . .	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,566,097	3,502,592	7,068,689	3,301,550

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUSIVE OF FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.(b)(c)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1936	2,681,736	1,851,593	982,134	589,312	451,557	235,328	5,305	9,787	6,806,752
1937	2,710,738	1,859,487	993,461	591,201	457,111	238,990	5,354	10,248	6,866,590
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1939	2,764,782	1,886,356	1,018,477	598,463	467,376	242,422	7,187	12,263	6,997,326
1940	2,789,123	1,918,774	1,029,613	598,091	468,311	243,057	8,852	12,868	7,068,689

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUSIVE OF FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.(b)(c)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1936	2,667,839	1,847,665	978,589	587,549	450,036	231,046	5,255	9,765	6,777,744
1937	2,694,679	1,856,033	989,668	589,143	454,295	233,951	5,411	10,195	6,833,375
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1939	2,749,134	1,881,942	1,013,327	596,137	465,042	238,001	6,273	11,990	6,961,846
1940d	2,773,341	1,896,248	1,019,667	596,215	465,314	238,975	8,608	12,673	7,011,041

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911 part of New South Wales.

(c) Revised estimates based on the results of the Census of the Australian Capital Territory on the 30th June, 1938, are as follows:—(i) 31st December—1936, 10,406; 1937, 11,043; (ii) Mean—1936, 10,295; 1937, 10,902.

(d) Approximate mean population to be used for purposes of calculation of annual rates.

ESTIMATED INCREASE OF POPULATION.

States and Territories.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
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NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).

New South Wales ..	21,817	22,262	21,214	21,188	23,239
Victoria ..	10,105	11,118	11,389	10,324	11,669
Queensland ..	10,162	10,156	9,791	10,818	11,209
South Australia ..	3,447	3,738	3,871	3,879	4,309
Western Australia ..	4,249	4,544	4,907	4,700	4,635
Tasmania ..	2,194	2,616	2,619	2,578	2,607
Northern Territory ..	53	36	33	50	87
Australian Capital Territory	114	165	140	207	208
Total ..	52,141	54,635	53,964	53,744	57,963

NET IMMIGRATION (EXCESS OF IMMIGRATION OVER EMIGRATION).

New South Wales ..	2,253	6,740	3,743	7,899	1,102
Victoria ..	-1,535	-3,224	2,884	2,272	20,749
Queensland ..	1,253	1,171	898	3,509	-73
South Australia ..	-578	-1,849	37	-525	-4,681
Western Australia ..	-437	1,010	443	215	-3,700
Tasmania ..	26	1,046	-202	-1,563	-1,972
Northern Territory ..	161	13	258	1,492	1,578
Aust. Cap. Terr. (a) ..	354	296	1,076	592	397
Total ..	1,497	5,203	9,137	13,891	13,400

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of Emigration over Immigration.

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCREASE.

New South Wales ..	24,070	29,002	24,957	29,087	24,341
Victoria ..	8,570	7,894	14,273	12,596	32,418
Queensland ..	11,415	11,327	10,689	14,327	11,136
South Australia ..	2,869	1,889	3,908	3,354	-372
Western Australia ..	3,812	5,554	5,350	4,915	935
Tasmania ..	2,220	3,662	2,417	1,015	635
Northern Territory ..	214	49	291	1,542	1,665
Aust. Cap. Terr. (a) ..	468	461	1,216	799	605
Total ..	53,638	59,838	63,101	67,635	71,363

(a) Revised figures corrected in accordance with the results of the Census of the Australian Capital Territory on the 30th June, 1938, are as follows:—Net migration—1936, 531; 1937, 472. Total increase—1936, 645; 1937, 637.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Year ended 31st December, 1940.

States and Territories.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	25,170	24,212	49,382	14,881	11,262	26,143	30,364
Victoria ..	16,393	15,569	31,962	10,930	9,363	20,293	22,299
Queensland ..	10,483	9,929	20,412	5,416	3,787	9,203	10,287
South Australia ..	5,145	4,872	10,017	3,111	2,597	5,708	6,950
Western Australia	4,588	4,533	9,121	2,787	1,699	4,486	5,234
Tasmania ..	2,569	2,425	4,994	1,361	1,026	2,387	2,476
Northern Territory	104	69	173	77	9	86	154
Aust. Cap. Terr...	143	143	286	46	32	78	123
Total ..	64,595	61,752	126,347	38,609	29,775	68,384	77,887
	15811	15177					
	33242	31798					
	16373	15666					
	66167	63078					
States and Territories.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.		

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	46,193	47,497	47,319	48,003	49,382
Victoria ..	28,883	29,731	30,344	30,493	31,962
Queensland ..	18,755	19,162	18,992	20,348	20,412
South Australia ..	8,911	8,985	9,410	9,618	10,017
Western Australia ..	8,479	8,609	9,141	9,036	9,121
Tasmania ..	4,581	4,841	4,907	5,004	4,994
Northern Territory ..	113	99	102	138	173
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	158	207	200	251	286
Total ..	116,073	119,131	120,415	122,891	126,347

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	17.31	17.63	17.39	17.46	17.81
Victoria ..	15.63	16.02	16.25	16.20	16.86
Queensland ..	19.17	19.36	18.98	20.08	20.02
South Australia ..	15.17	15.25	15.88	16.13	16.80
Western Australia ..	18.84	18.95	19.87	19.43	19.60
Tasmania ..	19.84	20.69	20.82	21.03	20.90
Northern Territory ..	21.50	18.30	17.81	22.00	20.10
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	15.35	18.99	17.98	20.93	22.57
Total ..	17.13	17.43	17.46	17.65	18.02

NOTE.—Birth, death and marriage-rates for the Australian Capital Territory have been adjusted in accordance with the revised mean populations set out in the footnote to p. 3.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

States and Territories.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
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DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,376	25,235	26,105	26,815	26,143
Victoria ..	18,778	18,613	18,955	20,169	20,293
Queensland ..	8,593	9,006	9,201	9,530	9,203
South Australia ..	5,464	5,247	5,539	5,739	5,708
Western Australia ..	4,230	4,065	4,234	4,336	4,486
Tasmania ..	2,387	2,225	2,288	2,426	2,387
Northern Territory ..	60	63	69	88	86
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	44	42	60	44	78
Total ..	63,932	64,496	66,451	69,147	68,384

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	9.14	9.36	9.59	9.75	9.43
Victoria ..	10.16	10.03	10.15	10.72	10.70
Queensland ..	8.78	9.10	9.19	9.40	9.03
South Australia ..	9.30	8.91	9.35	9.63	9.57
Western Australia ..	9.40	8.95	9.20	9.32	9.64
Tasmania ..	10.34	9.51	9.71	10.19	9.99
Northern Territory ..	11.42	11.64	12.05	14.03	9.99
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	4.27	3.85	5.39	3.67	6.15
Total ..	9.43	9.44	9.64	9.93	9.75

NOTE.—See footnote to p. 5.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	22,873	23,188	24,579	25,471	30,364
Victoria ..	15,915	16,226	17,113	17,368	22,299
Queensland ..	8,306	8,353	8,853	9,108	10,287
South Australia ..	5,182	5,340	5,489	5,670	6,950
Western Australia ..	4,242	4,169	4,153	4,195	5,234
Tasmania ..	2,073	2,042	2,082	2,264	2,476
Northern Territory ..	41	69	67	85	154
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	77	61	75	88	123
Total ..	58,709	59,448	62,411	64,249	77,887

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

States and Territories.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
New South Wales	8.57	8.61	9.03	9.27	10.95
Victoria	8.61	8.74	9.16	9.23	11.76
Queensland	8.49	8.44	8.85	8.99	10.09
South Australia	8.82	9.06	9.26	9.51	11.66
Western Australia	9.43	9.18	9.03	9.02	11.25
Tasmania	8.98	8.73	8.83	9.51	10.36
Northern Territory	7.80	12.75	11.70	13.55	17.89
Australian Capital Territory	7.48	5.60	6.74	7.34	9.71
Total	8.66	8.70	9.05	9.23	11.11

NOTE.—See footnote to p. 5.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	2,008	1,932	1,980	1,969	1,923
Victoria	1,222	1,091	1,038	1,085	1,261
Queensland	679	683	784	722	721
South Australia	277	297	287	336	356
Western Australia	358	323	309	369	424
Tasmania	227	202	197	203	191
Northern Territory	3	3	6	8	8
Australian Capital Territory	4	3	8	6	2
Total	4,778	4,534	4,609	4,693	4,886

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	43.47	40.68	41.84	41.02	38.94
Victoria	42.31	36.70	34.21	35.58	39.45
Queensland	36.20	35.64	41.28	35.48	35.32
South Australia	31.09	33.06	30.50	34.93	35.54
Western Australia	42.22	37.52	33.80	40.84	46.49
Tasmania	49.55	41.73	39.74	40.57	38.25
Northern Territory	26.55	30.30	58.82	57.97	46.24
Australian Capital Territory	25.32	14.49	40.00	23.90	6.99
Total	41.16	38.06	38.26	38.23	38.67

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of (a) over (b).
	Males	Females.	Persons.(a)	Males.	Females.	Persons.(b)	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,068
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(c)10,886
1933 ..	24,457	23,335	47,792	25,053	22,525	47,578	214
1934 ..	27,451	26,253	53,704	26,428	24,996	51,424	2,280
1935 ..	27,676	27,740	55,416	28,182	27,523	55,705	(c)289
1936 ..	29,726	30,168	59,894	29,045	29,352	58,397	1,497
1937 ..	35,123	34,679	69,802	32,161	32,438	64,599	5,203
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 (3 mths)	3,207	2,704	5,911	2,580	2,017	4,597	1,314

(c) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Nationality or Race of Persons
who arrived or departed.

Nationality or Race.	Arrivals.		Departures.	
	Quarter ended March.		Quarter ended March.	
	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
European—				
British (a) (Native born)	7,992	4,947	6,285	3,654
Danish	20	15	17	2
Dutch	140	153	70	132
Finnish	4	1	3	3
French	66	38	98	50
German	107	12	57	33
Greek	127	4	10	4
Italian	307	4	110	6
Norwegian	9	4	5	6
Russian	26	18	15	16
Swedish	13	10	8	3
Swiss	22	12	17	11
American (U.S.)	271	218	323	234
Yugoslav	110	..	43	..
Polish	39	10	18	7
Other	254	33	53	33
Total European	9,507	5,479	7,132	4,194
Non-European—				
Chinese	280	226	480	179
Filipino	7	1	2	..
Japanese	46	23	56	96
Malay	10	5	19	1
East Indian (b)	4	1	6	..
Indian (c)	143	142	192	99
Thai	7	6	11	..
Syrian .. .. .	..	2	4	..
Other Asiatic	9	10	4	2
Papuan	52	3	53	3
Polynesian, Melanesian	29	9	6	17
Other Non-European	9	4	9	6
Total Non-European	596	432	842	403
GRAND TOTAL	10,103	5,911	7,974	4,597

(a) Including Maltese and Cypriote.

(b) Native of East Indies.

(c) Native of India.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Countries whence the Persons arrived or to which they departed.

Country.	Arrivals.		Departures.	
	Quarter ended March.		Quarter ended March.	
	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
Great Britain	1,522	92	443	43
Canada	102	50	68	20
Fiji	430	260	191	134
Hong Kong	239	506	381	153
India and Ceylon	447	299	268	187
New Zealand	3,568	2,120	4,296	1,799
Norfolk Island	75	55	61	11
Papua	237	241	296	356
Solomon Islands	57	73	28	31
Straits Settlements	468	992	337	634
Territory of New Guinea	458	330	454	279
Union of South Africa	101	61	73	81
Other British Possessions	84	58	86	86
Total, British Countries ..	7,788	5,137	6,982	3,814
Egypt	313	6	42	6
France	58	..	2	..
Germany .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Italy	924	..	97	..
Japan	105	130	58	87
Netherlands East Indies	300	306	122	263
New Caledonia	98	32	55	35
Philippine Islands	17	30	15	10
South Sea Islands	33	..	51	2
United States of America	368	219	415	317
Other Foreign Countries	99	51	135	63
Total, Foreign Countries ..	2,315	774	992	783
GRAND TOTAL	10,103	5,911	7,974	4,597

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1934-35 ..	12,544,178	1,561,553	294,981	3,178,173	322,457	20,428,799
1935-36 ..	11,956,966	1,564,171	297,616	3,007,470	334,910	19,974,042
1936-37 ..	12,316,862	1,524,861	317,710	3,100,876	359,107	20,602,595
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	358,187	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,429	23,509,034
1939-40 ..	13,283,425	(a)	(a)	(a)	374,653	(a)

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1934-35 ..	133,393,232	16,906,022	8,100,827	3,810,708	4,498,804	640,589
1935-36 ..	144,217,769	18,720,774	7,467,705	3,497,677	4,500,907	646,541
1936-37 ..	151,389,952	16,662,279	7,246,383	3,447,647	5,445,740	782,834
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	823,086
1939-40 ..	210,283,681	(a)	(a)	(a)	6,313,369	928,621

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(b)	Tons.(b)
1934-35 ..	10.63	10.83	27.46	1.20	19.91	2.83
1935-36 ..	12.06	11.97	25.09	1.16	18.84	2.71
1936-37 ..	12.29	10.93	22.81	1.11	21.26	3.06
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.14
1939-40 ..	15.83	(a)	(a)	(a)	23.15	3.41

(a) Not yet available.

(b) Per acre of productive area.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1934-35	3,892,768	2,458,583	221,729	3,188,225	2,764,373	16,656	1,844	12,544,178
1935-36	3,851,373	2,323,753	239,631	2,989,490	2,540,696	10,404	1,619	11,956,966
1936-37	3,982,864	2,393,827	283,648	3,058,457	2,575,283	21,317	1,466	12,316,862
1937-38	4,464,664	2,686,057	372,935	3,161,739	3,026,420	21,081	2,055	13,734,951
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	360,459	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,500	2,448	13,283,425
1940-41(a)	4,289,000	2,584,000	302,000	2,600,000	2,552,000	9,200	2,000	12,338,200

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1934-35	49,678,000	25,850,528	4,076,181	27,455,600	26,985,000	307,525	40,398	133,393,232
1935-36	48,822,000	37,552,062	2,690,316	31,615,744	23,315,417	186,014	36,216	144,217,769
1936-37	55,668,000	42,844,816	2,016,236	28,714,653	21,549,000	570,895	26,352	151,389,952
1937-38	55,104,000	48,173,191	3,749,443	43,428,423	36,224,800	526,007	49,809	187,255,673
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1939-40	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,585,000	41,071,696	40,861,000	114,000	45,393	210,283,681
1940-41a	24,441,000	14,000,000	5,600,000	18,000,000	21,600,000	187,000	20,000	83,848,000

(a) Subject to revision.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1934-35	12.50	10.51	18.33	8.61	9.76	18.46	21.91	10.63
1935-36	12.68	16.16	11.23	10.58	9.18	17.88	22.37	12.06
1936-37	13.98	17.90	7.11	9.39	8.37	26.78	17.98	12.29
1937-38	12.34	17.93	10.05	13.74	11.97	24.95	24.24	13.63
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.70	20.84	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.27	15.02	13.70	15.20	18.54	15.83
1940-41a	5.70	5.42	18.54	6.92	8.46	20.36	10.00	6.80

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

31st Dec.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria. (a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia.
SHEEP.									
1934	53,327,000	16,783,631	21,574,182	7,884,919	11,197,156	2,038,450	23,356	219,343	113,048,037
1935	51,936,000	17,457,291	18,060,093	7,945,745	11,082,972	2,139,900	25,483	228,317	108,875,801
1936	53,166,010	17,663,103	20,011,749	7,905,112	9,007,535	2,233,655	11,162	244,378	110,242,704
1937	51,563,181	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,518
1938	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,802,990	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1939b	54,372,472	18,251,871	24,190,93	9,940,570	9,574,232	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,190
1940	(c)	20,412,362	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

CATTLE.

1934	3,482,831	2,085,080	6,052,641	346,479	911,940	261,588	899,679	8,433	14,048,671
1935	3,388,538	2,091,246	6,033,004	335,354	882,761	270,035	900,535	10,186	13,911,659
1936	3,288,169	2,005,759	5,950,572	328,013	792,508	261,597	855,398	9,856	13,491,872
1937	3,019,581	1,880,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1938	2,311,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,037	12,861,781
1939b	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	810,170	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,091,175

HORSES.

1934	534,853	357,877	447,804	198,765	161,636	30,662	35,094	1,067	1,767,758
1935	542,862	356,106	441,075	197,368	160,181	30,626	35,152	1,060	1,764,430
1936	545,829	357,158	440,568	200,870	155,177	30,971	31,056	1,121	1,762,750
1937	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,513
1938	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1939b	534,837	326,217	445,000	190,013	138,211	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,697,845

PIGS.

1934	397,535	265,006	269,873	86,297	97,997	40,291	626	649	1,158,274
1935	436,944	314,301	304,888	93,458	98,026	45,163	555	629	1,293,964
1936	390,780	318,673	290,555	85,048	76,451	40,021	470	454	1,202,752
1937	356,765	285,259	282,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	388	417	1,100,082
1938	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1939b	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	147,916	44,941	483	601	1,453,653

(a) At 31st March, year following. (b) Figures for Queensland and Western Australia are subject to revision. (c) Not yet available.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season ended 30th June.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1935..	496,876,887	156,761,979	174,088,413	77,790,933	95,836,161	14,035,000	35,000	1,015,424,373
1936..	474,359,226	163,397,896	142,793,328	81,709,440	92,458,673	16,300,000	35,000	971,053,563
1937..	505,375,065	163,048,510	153,766,368	76,604,206	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1938..	496,824,150	178,890,131	174,751,280	86,606,388	70,684,855	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,390,304
1939..	439,049,939	165,829,182	179,458,589	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1940(c)	548,505,998	185,000,000	190,000,000	105,265,869	81,000,000	18,334,000	35,000	1,128,140,867

(a) Including Australian Capital Territory. (b) For year ended previous 31st December. (c) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—The production of wool for the 1940-41 season is estimated at 1,090 million lb. greasy.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1934-35..	146,106,328	147,651,179	133,624,597	18,513,229	13,308,003	10,689,043	15,086	469,907,465
1935-36..	125,169,296	148,132,507	115,920,415	20,964,305	12,908,745	10,613,358	13,849	433,722,475
1936-37..	109,830,751	154,769,391	87,474,757	20,862,369	12,306,924	10,918,278	15,223	396,261,693
1937-38..	120,882,732	141,321,445	118,244,260	22,428,298	15,373,334	11,997,323	14,218	430,261,610
1938-39..	118,820,717	130,573,918	157,625,746	20,716,584	16,244,449	11,835,500	17,415	455,834,329
1939-40(a)	116,813,692	166,733,642	142,796,649	22,038,381	15,991,069	11,861,190	15,507	477,150,130

CHEESE.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1934-35..	8,445,468	10,095,139	12,192,383	6,649,661	643,571	1,948,963	..	39,975,185
1935-36..	7,356,203	10,973,804	9,149,283	8,103,663	865,482	2,150,281	..	38,598,716
1936-37..	7,417,640	13,350,124	7,789,890	12,164,819	1,012,139	2,994,227	..	44,728,839
1937-38..	8,004,873	16,466,038	11,963,445	15,516,879	885,418	3,770,189	..	56,606,842
1938-39..	7,485,907	19,554,061	15,768,543	18,457,598	980,254	3,399,626	..	65,645,989
1939-40(a)	6,803,510	24,199,047	13,847,677	20,550,047	1,051,896	3,240,328	..	69,692,505

BACON AND HAM.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1934-35..	19,667,619	16,334,018	21,751,444	6,497,111	4,730,504	2,022,717	1,250	71,004,663
1935-36..	22,057,458	18,165,168	23,198,346	6,783,216	5,465,098	1,984,722	1,170	77,655,178
1936-37..	21,022,401	17,571,792	20,229,728	7,573,620	4,098,448	2,132,464	1,151	72,629,604
1937-38..	21,374,691	16,696,404	19,607,223	6,196,378	4,010,446	2,454,528	520	70,340,190
1938-39..	26,418,687	16,510,137	19,021,752	5,987,363	4,242,083	2,273,601	340	74,453,963
1939-40(a)	25,037,700	(b)	(b)	7,046,860	(b)	2,893,805	570	(b)

(a) Subject to revision.
from green bacon.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Excluding Bacon and Ham made

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1935 ..	914,736	10,887,954	12,529	698,493	229,211	11,982,385	3,126	122,359
1936 ..	1,178,581	11,370,409	16,083	783,233	212,038	11,976,090	2,963	145,900
1937 ..	1,381,185	12,074,274	19,789	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,084	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,643,999	(d)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941-1st Qtr.	(c)350,000	(d)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.
(d) Not yet available.

(b) Not available for publication.

(c) Subject to revision.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (b)	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	439,140	768,401	904,755	64,109	5,677,328	73,143	44,458	7,971,334
1936 ..	525,792	1,018,670	1,048,748	66,593	7,326,309	152,291	76,001	10,214,404
1937 ..	595,855	1,266,507	1,104,760	60,372	8,688,921	176,130	(c)100,462	11,993,007
1938 ..	780,958	1,273,351	1,334,788	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	(c)109,168	14,026,615
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	(c)163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,323,729	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	(c)238,849	17,492,025

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	3,189,388	642	755,899	..	12,687	63,713	..	4,022,329
1936 ..	3,820,785	525	899,101	357	14,001	215,449	..	4,950,218
1937 ..	4,310,613	491	1,172,531	371	27,844	308,262	(c)328	5,820,440
1938(d)	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046

(a) With the exception of Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Year ended 30th June.
(c) Year ended December. (d) Figures for years since 1938 are not available for publication.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1934 ..	25,398	..	95,903	8,475	..	267,342	..	397,118
1935 ..	30,071	..	101,489	11,065	..	464,007	..	606,632
1936 ..	53,687	..	161,688	22,609	97	556,734	1,871	796,686
1937 ..	72,406	..	308,968	21,620	986	759,332	(b)55	1,163,367
1938(c)	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	(b)4,362	893,080

TIN.

1934 ..	328,130	3,886	179,404	..	6,765	219,246	9,566	746,997
1935 ..	287,890	14,475	187,234	..	8,829	258,919	6,036	763,383
1936 ..	268,454	14,750	157,889	..	6,882	206,656	4,176	658,807
1937 ..	336,628	44,127	202,614	..	12,421	260,673	(b)7,205	863,668
1938(c)	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	(b)3,205	711,622

COAL (Black and Brown).

1934 ..	4,541,923	479,605	752,303	..	278,704	81,262	..	6,183,797
1935 ..	4,887,341	599,697	843,034	..	318,013	86,204	..	6,734,289
1936 ..	5,126,850	577,749	858,732	..	331,565	92,269	..	6,987,165
1937 ..	5,823,469	497,319	934,107	..	340,444	66,883	..	7,662,222
1938 ..	5,603,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,539,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,344	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	..	364,500	63,688	..	(d)

ALL MINERALS.

1934 ..	7,766,504	1,092,029	2,713,135	1,713,537	5,884,430	750,389	28,806	19,948,630
1935 ..	9,210,820	1,394,253	2,887,440	2,498,617	6,107,990	1,071,507	76,900	23,247,527
1936 ..	10,136,789	1,623,003	3,613,511	2,513,359	7,771,454	1,624,036	98,601	27,380,753
1937 ..	11,981,891	1,832,195	4,392,492	2,509,449	9,230,182	2,282,365	(b)205,851	32,434,425
1938 ..	10,781,391	1,884,015	3,966,110	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	(b)214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	(b)244,478	36,838,814
1940(d)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Year ended 30th June.
not available for publication.(b) Year ended December.
(d) Not yet available.

(c) Figures for years since 1938 are

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.
1933-34 ..	70,731	95,613	40,306	9,605	17,608	123,355	357,218
1934-35 ..	68,587	74,556	44,763	10,856	19,949	137,638	356,349
1935-36 ..	75,388	91,286	47,533	11,424	23,248	155,891	404,770
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,011	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the following tables, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Em- ployed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1934-35	24,211	449,598	72,824,549	232,845,393	209,047,017	143,816,160	365,201,384
1935-36	24,894	492,771	82,098,288	239,840,993	238,974,797	162,437,363	414,688,455
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40(c)	27,000	588,000	115,000,000	(d)	(d)	220,000,000	550,000,000

(a) Including working proprietors.

(b) Exclusive of amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—DETAILS FOR STATES.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1937-38.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,097	9,241	3,063	1,980	2,066	948	26,395
2. Hands employed (a) ..	224,861	201,793	52,119	44,084	23,133	13,170	559,160
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	42,209,875	34,960,911	10,170,800	8,043,160	4,401,443	2,292,361	102,078,550
4. Value of fuel used ..	7,123,961	4,082,190	1,440,750	949,858	1,095,225	405,721	15,047,705
5. „ materials used ..	122,591,463	88,120,145	39,595,695	21,469,924	9,986,441	5,470,744	287,243,412
6. „ of production ..	85,168,133	64,889,390	18,602,958	13,820,155	8,562,294	5,445,094	196,488,024
7. „ of output of fact's.,	214,883,557	157,050,725	59,639,403	36,239,937	19,643,960	11,321,559	498,779,141
8. „ land & buildings ..	54,471,643	40,339,541	11,982,620	8,379,334	6,471,367	2,989,509	124,634,014
9. „ plant & machinery ..	57,222,693	36,868,289	17,734,600	9,402,792	7,459,525	4,676,687	133,364,586

1938-39.

1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed (a) ..	223,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,553	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel used ..	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,161,263	438,006	15,699,921
5. „ materials used ..	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. „ of production ..	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. „ of output of fact's.,	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. „ land & buildings ..	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. „ plant & machinery ..	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127

1939-40 (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

1. Factories .. No.	9,458	9,215	3,062	2,265	2,129	980	27,109
2. Hands employed (a) ..	236,974	212,461	(c)	45,050	22,967	14,670	587,500
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	47,692,551	39,575,809	(c)	8,546,800	4,575,180	2,686,148	114,500,000
4. Value of fuel used ..	8,135,614	4,348,419	(c)	1,130,137	1,198,194	520,321	(c)
5. „ materials used ..	134,690,374	95,917,551	(c)	22,162,881	10,081,364	6,219,944	(c)
6. „ of production ..	96,442,077	74,038,431	21,060,721	14,403,520	9,027,728	6,253,029	221,225,506
7. „ of output of fact's.,	239,268,065	174,304,401	68,849,896	37,696,538	20,307,286	12,993,294	553,419,480
8. „ land & buildings ..	58,939,150	43,704,176	12,456,492	9,539,249	6,863,468	3,775,605	135,278,140
9. „ plant & machinery ..	64,801,584	40,505,886	18,336,565	11,106,194	8,025,068	6,787,888	149,863,185

(a) Includes working proprietors.
yet available.

(b) Exclusive of amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Not

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	3,826,059	4,179,984	4,850,039	5,146,151
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	4,163,879	4,686,428	5,437,312	5,571,757
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	9,764,706	11,312,766	11,909,939	12,456,370
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implementations and Conveyances ..	45,302,857	52,744,592	60,143,682	62,434,973
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	793,149	857,761	956,652	931,085
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	9,594,475	9,828,156	10,262,066	10,917,765
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,067,796	3,117,433	3,001,056	3,182,881
VIII. Clothing ..	14,014,913	14,625,535	15,867,392	16,551,031
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	34,542,024	36,225,703	40,393,914	41,601,107
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	7,494,826	8,374,617	9,312,921	9,460,742
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	3,519,107	3,815,257	4,270,599	4,200,035
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	12,017,821	12,794,742	14,188,137	14,559,073
XIII. Rubber ..	2,350,312	2,303,302	2,461,962	2,761,075
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	132,473	137,594	144,403	136,432
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	1,865,749	1,917,630	2,180,438	2,097,998
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	9,987,217	10,763,145	11,107,512	11,408,135
Total ..	162,437,363	177,684,645	196,488,024	203,416,610

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1938-39.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	20.42	23.55	17.19	23.34	23.40	22.22	21.33
Fuel and Light ..	3.50	2.62	2.25	2.91	5.98	3.93	3.14
Materials used ..	55.17	54.24	67.27	58.01	49.13	47.69	56.21
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	20.91	19.59	13.29	15.74	21.49	26.16	19.32
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	49.42	54.59	56.41	59.72	52.12	45.94	52.48

(a) Exclusive of amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935-36—Males ..	212.35	198.85	221.90	193.56	212.76	190.86	206.55
Females ..	91.30	93.58	85.80	80.70	86.84	85.33	91.19
1936-37—Males ..	216.29	205.93	225.78	205.31	218.47	198.06	212.44
Females ..	92.71	96.95	86.58	83.21	90.59	86.10	93.52
1937-38—Males ..	230.39	218.89	232.20	212.08	227.42	205.96	224.35
Females ..	99.41	103.62	91.25	85.65	93.36	91.26	99.69
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92

(a) Exclusive of working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed, 1938-39.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	167,172	136,218	43,941	35,406	18,704	11,150	412,591
Females ..	61,609	65,613	10,169	7,965	4,507	2,652	152,515
Masculinity(a) ..	271	208	432	445	415	420	271

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.**SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1933-34 ..	4,481,616	870,955	5,352,571	4,770,663	640,647	5,411,310
1934-35 ..	4,846,060	1,148,190	5,994,250	5,340,159	554,635	5,894,794
1935-36 ..	5,290,675	947,001	6,237,676	5,598,276	708,608	6,306,884
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713

NOTE.—Later figures not available for publication.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States. ,000 omitted.

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns, but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
1938-39.								
New South Wales ..	3,167	676	1,179	1,112	2,736	672	1,679	359
Victoria ..	2,283	251	1,465	609	867	256	589	270
Queensland ..	325	396	340	176	317	152	864	64
South Australia ..	853	223	497	184	2,630	260	1,171	91
Western Australia ..	158	175	647	94	55	65	768	175
Tasmania ..	285	259	78	13	614	324	67	134
Northern Territory ..	3	23	2	3	2	2	..	..
Total ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
Total 1937-38 ..	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088
" 1936-37 ..	6,416	1,830	3,656	2,024	6,501	1,597	5,028	933
" 1935-36 ..	5,241	1,964	3,532	1,949	5,541	1,503	5,214	894
" 1934-35 ..	5,070	1,656	2,970	1,722	5,244	1,346	5,221	858

NOTE.—Later figures not available for publication.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1941.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—
18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef ..	1½d. per lb.
Lamb ..	1½d. per lb.
Mutton ..	1½d. per lb.
Rabbits and Hares ..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	107s. per ton measurement.
Sausage Casings (dried in casks or cases) ..	107s. per ton measurement.
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	107s. per ton measurement.

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

*Sugar ..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	107s. per ton measurement.
Dried Fruits ..	85s. per ton measurement.
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator) ..	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	6s. per bushel case.
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared ..	150s. 9d. per ton weight.
*Oats, Unprepared ..	160s. per ton weight.
*Maize, Unprepared ..	149s. per ton weight.
*Flour, Wheaten ..	145s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Bran ..	164s. per ton weight.
*Pollard ..	155s. per ton weight.
*Rice (clean, husked) ..	155s. per ton weight.
WINE ..	107s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—Calf ..	7½d. per lb.
Cattle ..	1½d. per lb.
Sheep ..	2½d. per lb.
Rabbit ..	2½d. per lb.
Other ..	107s. per ton measurement.
Pearl-shell ..	1½d. per lb.
Wool—Greasy ..	2½d. per lb.
Scoured and Washed ..	2½d. per lb.
Tops ..	2½d. per lb.

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder ..	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning ..	107s. per ton weight.
Copra ..	104s. 8d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood ..	107s. per ton measurement.
Raw Cotton (in bales) ..	1½d. per lb.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1941—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—				
Apparel and Attire	107s.	per ton measurement.		
Binder Twine	187s.	per ton weight.		
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Oils, Eucalyptus	107s.	per ton measurement.		
Other	120s.	3d. per ton weight.		
Tallow, Unrefined	120s.	3d. per ton weight.		
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	107s.	per ton measurement.		
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—				
Ore (in casks)	126s.	per ton weight.		
*Zinc, Ex Ri don	56s.	per ton weight.		
*Other than above	81s.	per ton weight.		
Dust (in cases)	252s.	per ton weight.		
Sheet (in cases)	110s.	per ton weight.		
*Copper	90s.	per ton weight.		
*Lead, Parcels, up to 100 tons	81s.	per ton weight.		
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	111s.	per ton weight.		
* (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	127s.	per ton weight.		
Tyres	94s.	6d. p-r ton weight.		
Tin, Clippings in Ingot form	36s.	6d. per ton weight.		
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF—				
Rubber	96s.	6d. per ton measurement.		
Leather	234s.	3d. per ton weight.		
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—				
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths	40s.	per 100 super. feet.		
" over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths	43s.	per 100 super. feet.		
" over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths	46s.	3d. per 100 super. feet.		
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths	23s.	6d. per 100 super. feet.		
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS	107s.	per ton measurement.		
STATIONERY	107s.	per ton measurement.		
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—				
Fertilizers	107s.	per ton measurement.		
MISCELLANEOUS—				
Soap	107s.	per ton measurement.		
Casein	168s.	3d. per ton measurement.		
SPECIE	25s.	per cent.		

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1941.

Interstate rates are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To—							From—										
							Brisbane.	Sydney.	Melbourne.								
							s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.					
Brisbane	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		21	0	30	0	
Sydney	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	0		20	0	
Melbourne	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	0	20	0		
Adelaide	38	0	30	0	20	0				
Fremantle	{	48	0a	43	0	38	0				
Hobart		44	6c					20	0	20	0
Launceston		39	0a					20	0	18	0
							{	40	6c	20	0	18	0				
								34	0a								
Devonport	{	40	6c	20	0	18	0				
Burnie		34	0a								
Auckland		43	3	{	43	3				
Wellington		43	3d		73	9b				
									43	3d	43	3d					
Lyttleton	..	..	..	..	..	..	{	43	3	}	43	3	
								78	0f		78	0f					
								43	3		43	3					
Dunedin		78	0f	{	43	3				
											78	0f					
New Hebrides, Solomon Islands (British), and Territory of New Guinea (Rabaul)																	
							72	0	72	0		99	0				
Norfolk Island		55	0		82	0				
Papua		72	0		99	0				

(a) Direct.

(b) Transhipped at Sydney.

(c) Including transhipment.

(d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement charges, 1s.

(e) Transhipped at Sydney, plus 1s., Wellington Harbour Improvement charges.

(f) Transhipped at Wellington, plus 1s., Wellington Harbour Improvement charges.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

States and Territories.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.(a)
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	26,230,461	40,955,861	51,062,364	46,347,953	(b)
Victoria	30,616,131	32,593,726	39,222,998	35,455,336	
Queensland	6,897,733	6,904,102	8,237,506	7,955,618	
South Australia	5,419,732	5,433,429	7,473,802	5,851,043	
Western Australia	5,077,847	5,657,562	6,394,342	5,883,710	
Tasmania	997,283	1,032,662	1,539,345	1,133,086	
Northern Territory	13,221	58,120	44,703	29,406	
Total	85,252,458	92,640,462	113,975,060	102,156,352	115,675,505

VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS.(c)

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

States and Territories.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.(a)
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	47,532,200	57,302,512	48,411,644	45,903,080	(b)
Victoria	34,982,544	43,587,646	41,243,667	30,819,012	
Queensland	19,561,820	23,893,265	26,558,516	28,651,842	
South Australia	15,381,124	16,748,140	19,057,243	14,840,603	
Western Australia	16,511,724	17,295,787	19,471,792	17,070,499	
Tasmania	2,952,145	3,522,789	2,831,205	3,198,547	
Northern Territory	42,330	26,645	6,053	12,729	
Total (d)	136,963,887	162,376,784	157,580,120	140,496,312	148,749,558

(a) Merchandise only. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transhipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally dispatched. (d) Estimated British currency values are shown below.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head.								
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.						
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1935-36	194,624,865	85,252,458	106,622,378	2,750,029	109,372,407	28 16 8	12 12 7	15 15 11	0 8 2	16 4 1	4 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
1936-37	222,304,780	92,640,462	126,501,534	3,162,784	129,664,318	32 13 5	13 12 4	18 11 9	0 9 4	19 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
1937-38	239,812,939	113,975,060	122,675,945	3,161,934	125,837,879	34 18 9	16 12 1	17 17 5	0 9 3	18 6 8	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
1938-39	214,357,724	102,156,352	108,188,167	4,013,205	112,201,372	30 18 10	14 14 11	15 12 4	0 11 7	16 3 11	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
1939-40b	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122	33 10 2	16 10 8	16 15 3	0 4 3	16 19 6	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
1940-41b (nine months)	162,380,151	81,127,993	80,033,238	1,218,920	81,252,158	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Does not include the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1935-36, £1,808,291; 1936-37, £1,740,437; 1937-38, £2,091,249; 1938-39, £2,105,619; and 1939-40, £2,539,848. (b) Merchandise only.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£	£	£	£(a)	£	£(b)	£	£	£
1935-36	83,521,331	1,731,127	85,252,458	98,529,053	10,843,354	109,372,407	15,007,722	9,112,227	24,119,949
1936-37	90,591,580	2,048,882	92,640,462	118,001,123	11,663,195	129,664,318	27,409,543	9,614,313	37,023,856
1937-38	111,733,254	2,241,806	113,975,060	112,281,076	13,556,203	125,837,879	548,422	11,314,397	11,862,819
1938-39	99,313,150	2,843,202	102,156,352	97,032,575	15,168,797	112,201,372	-2,280,575	12,325,595	10,045,020
1939-40	115,675,505	(c)	(c)	118,762,122	(c)	(c)	3,086,617	(c)	(c)
1940-41 (nine months)	81,127,993	(c)	(c)	81,252,158	(c)	(c)	124,165	(c)	(c)

(a) The values in Australian currency were:—1935-36, £123,407,641; 1936-37, £147,796,407; 1937-38, £140,632,800; 1938-39, £121,533,300; 1939-40, £148,749,558; and 1940-41 (nine months), £101,768,930. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown above. (c) Not available for publication.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March Quarters of 1940 and 1941, the nine months of the years 1939-40 and 1940-41, and the financial years 1938-39 and 1939-40.

Division.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.		Financial Year—	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1938-39.	1939-40.
CUSTOMS.	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	215,011	131,766	1,051,006	617,055	1,166,499	1,451,319
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	990,866	1,430,880	3,173,770	3,662,198	4,084,582	4,284,510
3. Sugar	1,952	1,699	5,378	5,044	7,244	5,812
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	344,812	256,301	1,218,646	902,822	1,385,794	1,489,248
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	911,103	391,679	2,388,610	1,622,368	2,846,187	3,251,369
6. Metals and Machinery ..	600,016	289,645	1,806,361	1,059,439	2,587,562	2,308,002
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	2,940,250	2,992,601	8,815,481	9,386,090	9,968,536	12,370,444
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	113,291	48,403	349,291	205,948	515,747	453,059
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	113,077	48,897	286,950	196,858	320,195	384,160
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	149,398	72,598	493,441	268,375	765,813	669,604
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	144,668	132,470	429,361	370,629	489,831	593,644
12. Leather and Rubber ..	125,296	128,646	375,464	274,890	483,338	510,226
13. Paper and Stationery ..	118,894	37,623	343,023	154,906	464,555	444,102
14. Vehicles ..	563,089	74,306	1,285,207	409,653	2,119,365	1,692,003
15. Musical Instruments ..	4,671	2,059	16,239	6,627	32,003	19,673
16. Miscellaneous ..	363,946	171,606	961,988	604,779	1,170,225	1,253,716
Primage	1,347,125	794,983	3,486,291	2,785,619	4,109,062	4,810,405
Ships' Stores ..	12,395	10,156	38,548	33,458	64,094	50,510
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	15,561	16,890	52,379	52,793	73,116	73,996
Special War Duty ..	..	261,433	..	1,140,314	..	307,896
Total Customs ..	9,075,421	7,294,641	26,576,434	23,755,665	32,653,748	36,333,698
EXCISE.						
Beer	2,547,030	3,260,501	6,855,106	9,008,504	7,341,655	8,838,927
Cigarette Papers ..	93,019	178,340	392,506	497,766	531,135	546,804
Matches	17,355	77,389	66,587	156,835	81,969	91,972
Petrol	239,606	516,909	636,082	1,197,049	583,984	990,472
Playing Cards ..	3,420	2,994	10,849	9,676	11,741	14,278
Spirits	331,634	458,910	1,471,225	1,601,099	1,801,976	2,121,340
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	1,595,314	2,068,203	4,927,760	5,621,526	6,286,749	6,566,740
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	20,802	73,949	81,819	169,314	86,936	107,546
Total Excise ..	4,848,180	6,637,195	14,441,934	18,261,769	16,726,145	19,278,079
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	13,923,601	13,931,836	41,018,368	42,017,434	49,379,893	55,611,777
Drawbacks and Re-payments ..	390,746	712,339	1,300,953	1,805,248	1,558,952	1,570,787
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	13,532,855	13,219,497	39,717,415	40,212,186	47,820,941	54,040,990

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	265,997	227,690	680,099	504,802
Fresh, Smoked, Potted and Concentrated, &c. ..	84,049	36,245	232,752	152,175
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	814	1,414	3,539	3,861
Potted and Concentrated ..	14,460	3,081	31,433	13,543
Sausage Casings	105,574	36,924	208,824	125,851
Other	110	233	829	284
Milk and Cream	159	107	2,446	685
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	8,741	8,184	31,540	24,661
Total, Class I.	479,904	313,878	1,191,462	825,862
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Caramel				
Butter and Cocoa Butter ..	33,943	6,610	64,784	61,798
Cocoa and Chocolate	129,893	110,583	171,900	230,170
Coffee and Chicory	35,067	35,961	95,431	99,195
Confectionery	5,533	1,279	27,313	2,776
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates ..	14,392	14,373	105,491	86,520
Fresh—				
Bananas	3,278	3,438	10,402	9,682
Other	10,475	237	14,180	524
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i. preserved in liquid	12,803	4,238	36,161	5,660
Ginger	9,136	5,071	26,756	16,525
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	35,858	38,278	101,609	81,346
Prepared—				
Rice	4,237	3,927	11,621	10,229
Other	1,749	2,279	8,017	7,181
Infants' and Invalids' Foods ..	12,452	5,411	31,800	22,970
Liquorice	8,619	976	15,892	9,460
Mustard	705	43	3,091	102
Nuts, Edible	81,442	80,345	212,121	232,211
Pickles and Sauces	2,901	740	6,969	3,811
Sago and Tapioca	10,932	20,142	35,559	46,241
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	10,504	7,322	28,704	30,014
Spices	27,158	19,546	73,338	58,346
Sugar and Sugar Products ..	14,855	8,378	32,286	35,991
Tea	836,399	852,989	2,428,806	2,094,301
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	30,859	13,964	168,825	147,552
Total, Class II.	1,333,190	1,236,130	3,711,056	3,292,605

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	11,691	1,437	25,957	10,913
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	10,006	18	17,500	3,327
Gin	13,307	7,132	24,844	27,074
Rum	3,624	310	7,166	7,084
Whisky	284,009	104,907	573,519	438,303
Other, including Liqueurs ..	13,081	2,921	25,392	10,412
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	5,450	..	11,548	1,127
Other	4,454	243	10,047	2,846
Total, Class III. ..	345,622	116,968	695,973	501,086
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	18,825	2,907	42,075	26,565
Unmanufactured	574,710	108,963	1,456,191	284,682
Cigars	730	70	8,861	587
Cigarettes	10,085	2,414	28,168	6,434
Snuff	87	200	369	439
Total, Class IV. ..	604,437	114,554	1,535,664	318,707
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	40,581	18,165	92,527	39,652
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	5,363	5,948	16,193	17,786
Gut, Natural and Imitation ..	5,680	3,127	18,205	10,195
Hair and Fibre	47,792	26,426	113,599	132,485
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	6,381	10,433	61,220	42,655
Sheep	2,570	211	8,076	1,815
Other	153,602	29,242	373,103	140,511
Silk, Raw	206,809	86,450	605,646	458,062
Wool	5,047	37,783	78,672	93,583
Other Animal Substances ..	8,612	9,324	27,440	27,614
Total, Class VI. ..	441,856	208,944	1,302,154	924,706
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.				
Copra	31,408	36,731	149,654	124,544
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	57,940	52,683	134,200	111,515
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw	162,710	236,845	344,670	659,714
Kapok	42,349	34,844	151,327	111,626
Other	179,727	122,747	384,468	403,585
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. ..	1,918	3,404	28,563	18,617
Gums and Resins	199,320	101,407	425,886	343,099
Pulp for Papermaking ..	82,106	82,586	200,960	520,123
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	17,569	13,445	41,080	30,414
Linseed	216,702	96,016	420,345	440,949
Other	36,991	52,279	101,357	135,005
Tanning Substances including				
Bark	31,011	19,617	85,415	60,117
Other Vegetable Substances ..	14,167	4,004	24,669	13,611
Total, Class VII. ..	1,073,918	856,608	2,492,594	2,972,919

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
(a) <i>Apparel and Attire.</i>				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c. (other than knitted) ..	20,276	7,651	49,864	23,038
Boots and Shoes ..	36,966	13,241	135,994	53,835
Buttons ..	46,123	18,016	103,974	69,356
Furs and other Skins wholly or partly made up and dressed or prepared ..	13,067	28,128	37,557	127,130
Gloves ..	119,591	48,287	270,990	161,956
Hats and Caps ..	33,885	14,665	141,336	83,717
Knitted Articles of Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.	11,417	3,493	20,886	12,105
Socks and Stockings ..	10,722	2,738	29,056	13,562
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	4,200	1,060	10,888	6,302
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	140,561	57,842	315,259	185,752
Other Apparel and Attire ..	112,139	118,843	268,206	232,202
Total, Apparel and Attire	548,947	313,964	1,384,010	968,955
(b) <i>Textiles.</i>				
Carpets, Linoleums and other Floor Coverings ..	603,405	298,071	1,392,498	1,151,984
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	22,507	5,886	66,356	29,741
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen ..	63,210	30,197	202,931	155,358
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck ..	170,406	217,484	448,720	772,523
Cotton and Linen ..	1,913,560	1,537,843	4,471,232	5,852,321
Hessian and Other Jute Piece Goods ..	405,636	200,349	732,519	671,097
Lace for Attire, &c. ..	74,866	37,490	155,880	138,186
Silk, including Artificial Silk..	1,011,303	550,625	2,505,728	2,405,114
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c. ..	136,180	40,263	203,112	100,364
Woollens ..	109,476	46,323	215,194	138,532
Other ..	309,599	257,392	527,650	717,225
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	91,186	21,951	207,082	100,414
Sewing and Other Cottons, Threads, &c. ..	141,199	168,661	342,770	579,679
Towels and Towelling..	126,315	78,681	305,629	292,422
Other Textiles ..	101,114	32,870	227,051	128,423
Total, Textiles	5,279,962	3,524,086	12,004,352	13,233,383
(c) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Compressed Fodder ..	46,629	64,190	88,693	193,395
Corn and Flour ..	377,390	263,701	1,746,280	1,527,172
Woolpacks ..	238,698	340,856	507,374	882,594
Other ..	6,215	5,670	9,626	17,176
Cordage and Twines, excluding Metal Cordage ..	61,778	39,757	167,737	181,214
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk ..	425,839	181,326	733,708	899,292
Cotton ..	134,713	148,718	337,713	545,825
Wool ..	14,897	5,084	29,302	22,775
Other ..	15,032	11,163	32,084	40,602
Total, Yarns, &c. ..	1,321,191	1,060,465	3,652,517	4,310,045
Total, Class VIII. ..	7,150,100	4,898,515	17,040,879	18,512,383

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Fats and Waxes, &c.	109,232	73,228	248,674	239,536
Linseed Oil	1,762	1,442	9,428	4,491
Olive Oil	21,289	11,372	46,302	23,681
Other Oils				
Total, Class IX. }	Included in Grand Total.			
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	230,903	113,831	477,863	496,656
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	5,041	2,623	13,254	8,836
Total, Class X.	235,944	116,454	491,117	505,492
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Natural Pitch	60,658	27,346	199,028	133,848
Stone (including Marble and Slate)—				
Abrasives	91,377	39,551	169,554	153,864
Other Stones	5,984	2,217	17,562	8,594
Other Minerals, &c., including Ores and Concentrates	139,540	127,771	296,755	460,212
Total, Class XI.	297,559	196,885	682,899	756,518
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Batteries and Accumulators	18,145	10,863	51,585	26,704
Cable and Wire, covered	426,375	257,528	1,009,105	956,061
Dynamo Electric Machines	165,157	143,398	547,763	499,212
Lamps, Filament—for Lighting and Heating	69,485	23,451	117,100	117,380
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	211,559	51,498	532,844	286,867
Other	381,501	244,530	928,367	944,269
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c., Machinery	26,138	10,904	142,959	54,978
Dairying Machinery	53,267	17,433	164,280	55,143
Mining Machinery	66,633	37,944	208,815	215,748
Motive-power Machinery (excluding electric)	677,821	927,369	1,647,819	2,286,742
Printing Machinery	50,951	50,271	150,344	104,099
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	87,160	108,253	177,623	310,474
Sewing Machines	51,989	46,228	286,052	308,533
Sheep-shearing Machinery	17,494	7,278	25,697	20,812
Weighing Machines	20,185	3,998	38,542	18,229
Yarn-making and Textile-making Machinery	110,130	118,666	233,880	516,675
Other Machines and Machinery	1,088,664	1,274,263	3,081,231	3,336,451
Total, Machines and Machinery	3,522,654	3,333,875	9,374,006	10,058,377

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY— <i>continued.</i>	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
(b) <i>Metals and Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Bolts and Nuts, Rivets and Washers	15,945	4,876	37,874	20,982
Leaf and Foil	45,456	36,755	99,709	116,056
Nails	13,254	4,733	28,803	18,889
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, and Crochet Hooks	26,496	16,996	50,714	73,498
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	1,668	1,031	2,270	1,031
Wire	32,095	19,381	92,344	61,516
Lamps and Lampware	80,309	31,392	201,455	137,042
Plated Ware and Cutlery	168,702	107,938	409,200	442,003
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	284,690	162,920	684,981	585,605
Cycles and Cycle Parts	144,243	62,551	336,802	251,593
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	32,296	764	63,982	20,927
Chassis and Parts	2,215,926	340,853	4,958,824	2,677,060
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	85,021	9,085	171,994	42,263
Other Metals and Metal Manufactures	4,042,798	4,114,052	6,758,063	12,529,483
Total, Metals, &c.	7,188,899	4,913,327	13,897,015	16,977,948
Total, Class XII.	10,711,553	8,247,202	23,271,021	27,036,325
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	541,840	696,269	1,245,381	1,738,889
Rubber Manufactures—				
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread	92,524	38,688	202,566	137,503
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	5,774	2,699	19,542	9,446
Other	42,371	17,916	108,651	61,872
Total, Rubber, &c.	682,509	755,572	1,576,140	1,947,710
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather.</i>				
Leather	15,188	8,526	39,993	28,870
Leather Manufactures, &c.	16,836	15,735	40,655	50,023
Total, Leather, &c.	32,024	24,261	80,648	78,893
Total, Class XIII.	714,533	779,833	1,656,788	2,026,603

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Timber—				
Dressed	86,163	23,812	170,526	67,754
Undressed	419,485	208,268	1,122,750	527,721
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	77,150	64,112	224,041	185,250
Total, Class XIV. ..	582,798	296,192	1,517,317	780,725
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CE- MENTS, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Crockery and other Household Ware	166,691	108,951	439,265	456,804
Glass and Glassware	267,485	125,286	630,535	430,454
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	146,904	76,436	332,331	236,243
Total, Class XV. ..	581,080	310,673	1,402,131	1,123,501
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STA- TIONERY.				
(a) <i>Paper.</i>				
Millboards and other boards ..	81,770	46,167	185,382	170,454
Parchment	54,201	41,304	89,722	160,103
Printing	904,687	329,080	2,180,034	1,854,958
Wrapping	152,858	121,560	299,812	328,317
Writing and Typewriting ..	242,461	174,118	460,152	714,200
Other	207,944	128,213	435,415	411,825
Total, Paper	1,643,921	840,442	3,650,517	3,639,857
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manu- factures.</i>				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	295,913	153,098	819,930	594,270
Price Lists, Catalogues, Circulars, &c.	13,166	6,223	44,705	24,356
Paperhangings and Wallpapers ..	45,915	11,372	64,317	35,831
Pens and Pencils	52,925	27,714	150,519	125,848
Other Stationery	113,282	69,771	429,229	252,873
Total, Stationery, &c. ..	521,201	268,178	1,508,700	1,033,178
Total, Class XVI. ..	2,165,122	1,108,620	5,159,217	4,673,035
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME- PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	40,141	5,830	123,134	43,629
Toys	40,443	7,412	179,716	79,382
Other	52,528	26,880	167,002	121,014
Jewellery—				
Precious Stones (Unset)—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	68,561	55,807	178,647	110,969
Other	18,611	13,036	79,529	50,103
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	129,028	125,279	367,232	235,305
Total, Class XVII. ..	349,312	234,244	1,095,260	640,402

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Films for Cinematographs, &c...	134,256	123,238	408,079	368,801
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c. ..	27,520	30,417	87,706	98,342
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c. ..	152,450	120,376	337,007	425,194
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c. ..	16,867	13,322	50,445	34,994
Other Optical and Scientific Instruments ..	230,327	74,343	420,817	297,226
Total, Class XVIII. ..	561,420	361,696	1,304,054	1,224,557
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	32,059	43,477	88,667	122,325
Argol	41,608	35,138	86,240	86,822
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	10,625	10,990	20,241	26,722
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines ..	87,517	70,371	240,113	278,290
Other	103,576	81,800	207,962	289,070
Dyes	181,827	137,218	326,908	457,279
Fertilizers	211,188	65,538	771,448	635,319
Insecticides, Disinfectants, Washes and Dips ..	43,988	10,312	106,921	54,918
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)..	41,392	35,370	95,060	122,306
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	74,422	41,173	168,502	126,660
Salt	10,761	6,639	29,629	27,813
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	7,433	4,986	19,377	12,776
Other	15,086	4,555	50,625	22,318
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	884,164	581,261	2,057,978	2,026,774
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,745,646	1,128,828	4,269,671	4,289,392
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c., Celluloid Sheets	36,184	61,627	111,011	136,866
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, &c. ..	35,851	18,423	178,970	100,852
Brushware—				
Vacuum Cleaners (Household)	106,813	10,727	222,560	62,548
Other	24,386	5,493	64,426	28,945
Goods imported per parcel post	108,422	93,747	328,792	277,076
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos	10,119	2,233	24,343	8,169
Player Pianos	1,148	178	1,461	697
Piano and Player Piano Parts	3,036	430	6,266	5,290
Other Musical Instruments and Parts	16,232	8,793	57,496	40,057

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS— <i>continued.</i>	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Oilmen's Stores	53,219	20,014	111,961	71,816
Soap	14,681	4,647	46,967	24,575
All other Articles	Included in Grand Total.			
Total, Class XX. ..				
Class XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Victoria				
Queensland				
South Australia				
Western Australia				
Tasmania				
Northern Territory				
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	35,009,153	23,552,141	82,297,070	81,127,993

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
TOTAL IMPORTS— Merchandise	43,848,964	29,499,056	103,077,080	101,612,812

(a) Not available for publication.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—*continued.*

EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	5,422,383	4,761,747	13,753,065	9,305,404
Butter Substitutes	1,858	72,074	4,400	145,644
Cheese	484,121	552,829	1,197,009	1,264,866
Eggs	20,626	165,210	595,546	1,108,768
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	75,493	131,300	219,587	298,103
Potted or Concentrated	3,069	16,810	22,625	51,752
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	528,695	227,943	3,374,304	2,794,510
Lamb	916,713	1,086,169	5,185,582	4,463,679
Mutton	144,629	59,192	606,675	229,070
Pork	354,496	288,596	940,769	1,225,669
Rabbits and Hares	106,334	4,317	233,259	97,444
Preserved in Tins	177,359	440,772	555,877	1,238,078
Sausage Casings	108,803	99,184	348,760	322,767
Other	126,106	100,587	496,308	580,437
Milk and Cream	325,152	441,427	865,002	1,116,425
Other Animal Foodstuffs	61,997	25,188	103,375	86,561
Total, Class I.	8,857,834	8,473,345	28,502,143	24,329,177
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa and Chocolate, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	12,449	49,190	39,833	118,271
Biscuits	21,894	70,755	79,461	166,918
Confectionery	26,991	78,683	90,129	131,853
Fodders	31,633	13,391	83,778	35,987
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	13,527	13,850	189,677	398,761
Raisins	10,827	37,290	425,783	1,101,195
Other	21,060	27,820	38,769	55,889
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	164,138	11,113	223,591	82,519
Citrus	2,557	59,911	169,035	200,266
Other	108,357	23,067	123,090	29,493
Fruits, preserved in liquid	134,474	153,976	743,037	471,640
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	61,603	22,505	81,532	29,911
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	21,964	169	106,436	83,480
Wheat	2,050,679	1,990,821	3,634,212	7,643,899
Other	15,869	68,362	34,168	125,582
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	39,289	30,549	232,564	105,515
Flour (Wheaten)	1,404,247	1,945,619	3,523,305	5,861,291
Rice	56,601	30,976	233,736	179,241
Other	56,000	105,368	140,339	246,568
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	12	46	87	193
Jams and Fruit Jellies	156,078	141,653	327,056	337,421
Sugar	1,637,210	642,336	5,790,505	4,165,337
Tea	10,392	14,085	39,290	36,055
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	35,853	101,375	90,334	258,221
Total, Class II.	6,093,704	5,632,910	16,439,747	21,865,506

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	23,523	549,570	70,277	886,892
Spirits (Beverages)	29,224	119,257	146,424	254,059
Wine	25,386	98,421	744,017	368,047
Total, Class III. ..	78,133	767,248	960,718	1,508,998
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	3,680	80,848	12,724	173,446
Tobacco	40,273	84,185	181,718	220,234
Total, Class IV. ..	43,953	165,033	194,442	393,680
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	1,042	1,670	4,808	3,664
Horses	15,023	50,702	66,105	98,213
Sheep	22,413	16,160	80,201	56,552
Other Living Animals ..	2,319	1,864	4,598	4,141
Total, Class V. ..	40,802	70,396	155,712	162,570
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Bêche-de-mer	109	2,331	1,010	4,382
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	37,013	32,949	104,680	108,857
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	168,844	87,291	573,092	335,992
Fox	1,024	1,846	33,222	67,868
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	26,876	45,741	152,667	235,309
Opossum	468	8,259	9,058	81,825
Rabbit	97,107	214,966	568,888	1,180,802
Sheep	790,557	126,365	2,219,490	856,330
Other	12,144	4,994	24,959	13,158
Pearl-shell	54,056	45,435	184,171	164,731
Trochus-shell	13,442	3,025	31,160	6,637
Wool—				
Greasy	17,445,947	11,656,347	34,971,432	25,248,435
Scoured and Tops	2,075,635	954,751	4,601,348	5,732,120
Other Animal Substances ..	25,955	20,039	110,957	57,689
Total, Class VI. ..	20,749,177	13,204,339	43,586,134	34,094,435
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.				
Copra	482	..	1,603	12
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	404	732	404	2,444
Other	37,008	41,538	90,208	120,618
Sandalwood	17,961	20,142	36,566	42,246
Seeds	31,658	19,386	72,443	61,561
Tanning Substances	11,188	18,204	31,948	50,883
Other Vegetable Substances ..	11,803	12,918	37,846	32,738
Total, Class VII. ..	110,504	112,920	271,018	310,502

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE ; (b) TEXTILES ; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	12,325	9,405	28,777	26,353
Other Apparel and Attire ..	36,005	150,598	76,787	289,614
Piece Goods	40,090	109,919	115,046	281,571
Other Textiles	20,749	46,835	69,358	114,273
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	106,076	141,801	242,028	423,721
Total, Class VIII. ..	215,245	458,558	531,996	1,135,532
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	61,430	59,515	144,674	208,985
Tallow, unrefined	254,485	168,999	562,765	382,964
Other	92,992	79,816	246,946	193,405
Total, Class IX. ..	408,907	308,330	954,385	785,354
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	49,048	42,449	124,958	138,585
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES.	519,713	369,486	1,842,383	1,294,849
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>	337,674	706,043	917,341	1,682,931
(b) <i>Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>	2,970,926	2,168,001	9,777,702	7,588,494
Total, Class XII. ..	3,308,600	2,874,044	10,695,043	9,271,425
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	26,542	78,137	74,650	293,441
Leather	377,573	147,683	887,069	601,249
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	11,747	21,567	28,463	53,004
Total, Class XIII. ..	415,862	247,387	990,182	947,694
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber	143,229	149,781	623,286	625,648
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	56,811	68,351	139,861	278,964
Total, Class XIV. ..	200,040	218,132	763,147	904,612

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.	£A. 42,530	£A. 56,851	£A. 129,698	£A. 156,490
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATION- ERY.				
Paper	23,625	39,664	63,232	103,108
Stationery	103,396	82,762	277,884	201,725
Total, Class XVI. ..	127,021	122,426	341,166	304,833
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME- PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	5,172	3,692	28,840	10,080
Other Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods	27,756	19,995	82,355	55,288
Total, Class XVII. ..	32,928	23,687	111,195	65,368
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, Bio- scopes, &c.	55,481	68,400	155,769	165,304
Photographic Goods and Materials, Cameras, &c. ..	13,971	14,623	54,184	58,771
Talking Machines, Phonographs, &c.	8,259	6,703	23,199	22,121
Other Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments ..	18,563	18,132	52,050	57,740
Total, Class XVIII. ..	96,274	107,858	285,202	303,936
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	14,315	9,900	47,683	29,866
Fertilizers	9,393	2,957	46,253	12,642
Medicines	44,974	68,480	156,618	207,649
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	7,956	4,739	30,366	12,325
Eucalyptus	24,938	32,092	84,648	141,269
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	8,940	60,330	32,030	90,488
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	124,068	142,721	350,230	427,587
Total, Class XIX. ..	234,584	321,219	747,828	921,826

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	42,191	48,393	132,157	134,154
Oilmen's Stores	16,529	49,855	59,279	90,063
Personal and Household Effects, &c.	24,312	34,559	67,970	92,237
Soap	21,618	60,851	73,509	124,557
Goods Exported per parcel post	6,125	8,321	25,156	24,787
All other Articles	166,404	893,016	432,245	2,407,160
Total, Class XX. ..	277,179	1,094,995	790,316	2,872,958
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	}	(a)	(a)	(a)
Victoria				
Queensland				
South Australia				
Western Australia				
Tasmania	}	(a)	(a)	(a)
Northern Territory				
Total { Australian Produce	41,429,972	34,002,037	107,031,094	100,241,631
Other Produce ..	472,066	669,576	1,386,319	1,526,699
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE ..	41,902,038	34,671,613	108,417,413	101,768,330

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

TOTAL EXPORTS— Merchandise	£ Stg. 33,454,721	£ Stg. 27,681,925	£ Stg. 86,560,808	£ Stg. 81,252,158
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(a) Not available for publication.

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN
ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Butter.	Flour.	Wheat.	Wool.		Mutton and Lamb.	Beef.(b)
				Greasy.	Scoured.(a)		

QUANTITY.

	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1936-37	1,743,094	11,295,563	43,066,812	7,591,595	722,891	2,084,582	2,338,542
1937-38	1,973,456	12,609,420	56,702,254	7,218,255	616,552	2,018,025	2,938,035
1938-39	2,295,428	14,501,304	37,877,414	7,933,846	708,812	1,864,885	2,719,638

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1936-37	8,801,643	5,590,942	18,670,772	55,155,006	7,347,623	5,233,652	3,036,239
1937-38	10,781,124	6,032,488	20,906,601	41,221,729	5,760,950	5,339,981	4,367,064
1938-39	12,891,837	4,540,210	8,734,974	37,304,985	5,324,476	4,807,466	4,323,680
1939-40	15,894,718	5,231,485	7,557,370	49,199,728	7,648,671	6,082,384	4,825,237
1940-41 (9 mths.)	9,305,404	5,861,291	7,643,899	25,248,435	5,731,980	4,692,749	2,794,510

Year.	Bacon and Hams.	Cheese.	Pork.	Fruits Preserved in Liquid— Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Pineapples, and other.	Fruits, Dried.		
					Currants.	Raisins, including Sultanas and Lexias.	Apples, Apricots, Peaches, Prunes, and other.

QUANTITY.

	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1936-37	17,525	139,236	268,165	648,092	262,958	915,599	25,520
1937-38	16,760	272,454	339,594	864,981	341,669	1,063,780	52,750
1938-39	17,391	359,236	307,164	812,788	532,194	1,109,924	39,144
1939-40	42,474	430,557	522,028	791,069	307,136	835,082	14,703

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1936-37	112,680	383,974	687,043	1,011,994	440,734	1,540,909	77,715
1937-38	117,654	845,110	934,575	1,287,962	570,643	1,968,444	144,269
1938-39	119,994	1,073,931	882,115	1,267,070	772,966	1,974,039	117,649
1939-40	274,915	1,440,131	1,561,432	1,349,484	487,678	1,447,353	58,655
1940-41 (9 mths.)	298,103	1,264,866	1,225,669	471,640	398,761	1,101,195	55,889

(a) Includes Tops, Noils and Waste.

(b) Includes Veal.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

RECEIPTS.(a)

Sources of Revenue.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
TAXATION—	£	£	£	£	£
Customs	28,068,870	28,782,784	32,972,666	31,160,462	34,830,306
Excise	13,368,847	14,210,248	15,410,339	16,471,908	18,994,600
Sales Tax	9,432,483	8,008,427	8,023,886	9,308,334	12,196,175
Flour Tax	1,150,724	Dr. 12,193	3,025	1,808,972	2,436,070
Land Tax	1,326,991	1,435,465	1,368,444	1,489,436	1,645,829
Income Tax	8,775,562	8,556,014	9,398,503	11,882,440	16,430,313
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,214,621
Estate Duty	1,472,860	1,792,600	1,872,654	1,915,352	2,212,690
Entertainments Tax	13	107	1	..	59
War-time Profits Tax	20,956	..	Dr. 1,033	..	..
Total Taxation	63,617,306	62,773,452	69,048,485	74,036,899	90,010,663
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department(b)	14,839,044	15,786,617	16,732,201	17,350,491	17,878,453
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	248,939	270,161	267,754	330,643	368,218
North Australian	30,656	36,440	37,768	50,471	60,797
Central Australian	98,634	122,698	124,417	137,521	146,921
Australian Capital Territory	5,379	6,994	5,803	7,276	11,736
Total Railways	383,608	436,293	435,742	525,910	587,672
Total Business Undertakings..	15,222,652	16,222,910	17,167,943	17,876,401	18,466,125
TERRITORIES	313,770	300,253	330,975	355,401	415,412
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest(a)	1,338,510	1,074,423	1,044,076	1,144,014	1,145,989
Coinage	167,719	295,167	362,705	127,764	180,458
Defence	38,025	41,731	29,244	151,208	166,880
Civil Aviation	4,080	4,418	5,556	5,745	11,171
Health	18,090	67,134	17,621	18,204	15,740
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	58,783	62,163	61,435	67,914	61,982
Bankruptcy	29,517	30,569	36,441	30,770	35,817
Commerce and Marine—					
Wool levy(c) .. .. .	..	72,805	77,523	74,396	84,361
Marine	218,915	216,406	} 182,463	153,137	147,315
Other	11,206	Dr. 1,104			
Net Profit, Note Issue	855,720	898,585	839,833	766,730	985,903
Other	236,211	272,017	242,864	251,207	185,878
Balance of Trust Accounts	72,837	477,048	10,940	..	..
Total	3,049,613	3,511,862	2,910,751	2,796,089	3,021,584
Grand Total	82,203,341	82,807,977	89,458,154	95,064,790	111,913,784
PER HEAD(d)—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	9 8 6	9 4 6	10 1 2	10 13 10	12 17 4
Business Undertakings	2 5 1	2 7 8	2 10 0	2 11 7	2 12 9
Other	0 9 11	0 11 3	0 9 6	0 9 1	0 9 10
Total	12 3 6	12 3 5	13 0 8	13 14 6	15 19 11

(a) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(b) Excludes receipts in respect of State Officers' pensions.

(c) For Publicity and Research.

(d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.(a)

Departments, &c.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,689,072	9,730,700	9,714,227	9,664,917	9,600,065
War Pensions	7,549,671	7,910,366	8,094,623	8,227,487	8,147,076
Repatriation	813,413	896,179	957,805	933,872	922,527
Other	189,243	186,708	181,645	370,536	164,874
Total, War, &c.	18,241,399	18,723,953	18,948,300	19,256,812	18,834,542
Defence and War (1939-40) Services—					
War (1939-40) Services .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15,315,993
Army (including Co-ordination) ..	1,592,868	2,023,372	2,060,732	3,324,650	3,770,504
Navy	2,254,799	2,580,704	2,497,783	2,755,085	3,005,000
Air	551,171	948,671	1,289,973	1,384,971	2,043,839
Supply and Development (including Munitions)	414,682	436,966	523,550	596,653	748,415
Governor-General	28,240	34,245	35,067	32,765	30,787
Parliament	390,120	505,287	516,494	444,873	449,876
Prime Minister	1,307,414	1,263,210	1,510,259	1,355,842	1,509,582
External Affairs	70,339	63,104	58,263	70,168	117,782
Treasury	2,277,647	1,958,085	2,403,259	2,582,362	2,663,351
Attorney-General	239,702	252,158	263,319	281,497	276,557
Interior	1,267,492	972,733	1,018,526	1,275,392	1,257,593
Civil Aviation	102,271	275,563	129,043	323,150	494,060
Trade and Customs	878,762	891,292	993,503	1,064,124	1,032,890
Health	268,921	241,443	402,003	338,155	289,174
Commerce	978,937	1,122,242	1,149,511	1,208,927	1,170,951
Postmaster-General	12,523,878	13,203,176	13,964,473	15,023,233	15,285,709
Railways	1,016,968	1,076,077	1,140,315	1,351,041	1,472,521
Territories—					
Australian Capital Territory ..	566,289	585,369	615,401	637,223	656,078
Northern Territory	190,832	262,113	381,931	402,899	332,804
Papua	68,509	55,821	48,825	48,930	48,610
New Guinea	3,308	13,431	5,058	5,532	5,988
Norfolk Island	7,200	4,409	5,911	5,471	4,071
Total, Territories	836,138	921,643	1,057,126	1,099,960	1,097,551
New Works	3,237,317	4,319,562	3,551,776	6,565,268	63,036,445
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	1,359,880	1,416,548	1,454,385	1,477,976	1,536,055
Special Grants	2,750,000	2,430,000	2,350,000	2,020,000	2,020,000
Grants for Federal Aid Roads ..	2,778,899	3,039,530	4,149,492	4,266,556	4,455,845
Other Grants	100,000	551,000	450,500	300,000	100,000
Total to or for States(a) ..	14,573,691	15,021,990	15,989,289	15,649,444	15,696,812
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	12,797,726	13,998,793	15,798,687	15,991,782	16,459,245
Maternity Allowances	335,552	370,150	400,004	436,614	416,964
Relief to Primary Producers ..	2,449,597	327,000	262,166	2,014,713	2,509,266
Grand Total(c)	78,635,621	81,531,419	85,963,421	94,437,481	108,985,409
Per head of Population(d) ..	£11 12 11	£11 19 8	£12 10 6	£13 12 8	£15 11 7

(a) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-40) Services paid from Loan Fund. (c) Omitting expenditure from excess receipts (see table below). (d) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Excess Receipts.

Particulars.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
Accumulated balance	713,474	3,567,720	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309
Excess Receipts	3,567,720	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375
Total for year	4,281,194	4,844,278	4,771,291	4,122,042	3,555,684
Expenditure from Excess Receipts—					
Grants to States	500,000	500,000	..	..	..
Special Defence Provision .. .. .	..	2,000,000	..	3,494,733	627,309
Post Office Works Provision .. .. .	..	..	1,000,000	..	..
Reduction of deficit	213,474	1,067,720	276,558	..	..
Total	713,474	3,567,720	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309
Accumulated balance	3,567,720	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	Total to 30th June, 1940.
Defence and War (1939-40) Services—	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Services, Pay, Maintenance—						
Army .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,064,388	3,064,388
Navy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,412,811	2,412,811
Air .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,643,555	1,643,555
Supply and Develop- ment .. .. .	..	..	..	..	150,961	150,961
Works—						
Army .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7,528,521	7,528,521
Navy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,432,106	3,432,106
Air .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7,258,178	7,258,178
Supply and Development	..	..	..	..	3,323,526	3,323,526
Total Defence and War (1939-40) Services ..	..	..	..	..	28,814,046	28,814,046
Other Works—						
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr.120,138	..	..	Cr.305,351	Cr. 14,016	7,865,887
A.C.T. Works, Services and Acquisition of Land ..	152,837	100,583	Cr. 5,514	Cr. 6,768	Cr. 10,752	8,490,800
Northern Territory ..	32,025	19,127	Cr. 61	..	Cr. 31	169,881
Papua and New Guinea ..	4,773	..	..	..	..	76,329
Drill Halls, Stores, Barracks, &c.	15,426	Cr. 2,877	339,316	97,788	..	1,118,989
Arms, Armament and Am- munition .. .. .	..	..	109,180	530,342	..	954,822
Naval Bases, Depots, &c.	2,333	Cr. 12,308	106,970	82,248	..	1,703,834
Fleet Construction ..	116,881	..	451,350	521,556	..	1,608,303
Air Services—						
R.A.A.F.	1,710	..	673,026	436,356	..	1,578,461
Civil Aviation	20,273	65	112,550	..	..	214,291
Buildings and Works, Muni- cations Production ..	11,211	8,530	273,945	243,994	..	1,729,539
Lighthouses and Lighthouse Services	600	Cr. 3,010	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	638,490
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,105,625
Telegraph and Telephone Construction	207,815	300,000	..	..	1,733,113	33,423,311
Post Office Buildings and Land	16,440	2,193	Cr. 451	Cr. 1,290	120,050	3,613,921
Radio .. .. .	..	..	..	..	29,509	85,745
Health Services	8,467	460	..	..	..	103,113
Repatriation Services ..	33,478	1,434	..	..	..	47,026
Railways—						
Trans-Australian	105,836	358,241	Cr. 938	Cr. 339	Cr. 102	7,126,193
North Australian .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Cr. 184	1,597,375
Central Australian	2,639	..	..	..	..	2,480,596
Australian Capital Terri- tory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	28,755
Grafton-South Brisbane	Cr. 1,500	..	..	..	..	2,446,005
Other Expenditure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	200,000
War Service Homes (a) ..	10,614	..	..	..	..	7,329,523
London Offices .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	880,190
Acquisition of Properties not elsewhere included ..	2,728	6,645	Cr. 263	..	..	137,648
Assistance to States—						
Roads .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	249,686
Forestry	223,000	35,000	..	..	..	322,000
Mining	144,750	64,000	..	..	..	283,750
Unemployment Relief ..	363,728	332,880	Cr. 8,895	Cr. 3,822	Cr. 65,844	2,500,661
Miscellaneous	18,923	..	..	..	..	21,505
Total Other Works ..	1,375,349	1,210,963	2,049,215	1,593,714	1,790,743	91,137,254
Other purposes—						
Loans to Papua and New Guinea for Works .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	93,916
Immigration(b) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,680,834
Subscription to Capital of Commonwealth Oil Re- finery .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	343,751
Subscription to Capital of Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	300,000
Advances for Wire and Wire-netting .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	610,838
Wheat Bounty	43	..	..	..	..	3,429,571
Farmers' Debt Adjustment	317,000	1,500,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	750,000	7,067,000
Total Loan Expenditure	1,692,392	2,710,963	4,549,215	3,593,714	31,354,789	133,477,210

(a) In addition, £13,045,408 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Exclusive of Loans to States for Immigration purposes.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st MARCH, 1941.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(b)
War (1914–19)	171,845,739	90,744,381	..	262,590,120
War (1939–41)	(c)86,335,823	(d)17,910,000	..	104,245,823
Works and other Purposes	37,548,080	65,529,396	15,876,718	118,954,194
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	295,729,642	174,183,777	15,876,718	485,790,137
Per head of population(e) ..	£41 14 8	£24 11 8	£2 4 10	£68 11 2
State—				
Debts of the States ..	505,064,006	384,149,928	27,696,281	916,910,215
Per head of population(e) ..	£71 10 0	£54 7 7	£3 18 5	£129 16 0
Total Public Debt ..	800,793,648	558,333,705	43,572,999	1,402,700,352
Per head of population ..	£113 0 3	£78 15 10	£6 3 0	£197 19 1

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(f)
War (1914–19)	6,822,121	(g) 426,008	..	7,248,129
War (1939–41)	2,490,899	592,400	..	3,083,299
Works and other Purposes	1,139,006	2,723,763	775,930	4,638,699
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	10,452,026	(g) 3,742,171	775,930	14,970,127
Average Rate per cent.(h) ..	£3 11 11	(g) £3 19 4	£4 17 9	£3 14 8
State—				
Debts of the States ..	17,803,560	14,958,366	1,407,676	34,169,602
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 10 6	£3 17 11	£5 1 8	£3 14 6
Grand Total	28,255,586	(g)18,700,537	2,183,606	49,139,729
Average Rate per cent.(h) ..	£3 11 0	(g) £3 18 2	£5 0 3	£3 14 7

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £ (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Includes £5,156,682 Interest Free Loans (Citizens' National Emergency Loans) and £14,769,653 War Savings Certificates.

(d) Includes £100,000 Interest Free Loans.

(e) Based on preliminary estimated aggregate population of the Commonwealth (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 31st March, 1941.

(f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(g) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(h) Interest Free Loans excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1935 (b)	20,119,208	27,449,147	47,568,355	15,922	33.5
1936 (b)	18,465,121	28,972,667	47,437,788	(c) 16,001	33.7
1937 (b)	17,194,775	31,008,466	48,203,241	(d) 16,010	33.2
1938 (b)	16,700,228	32,706,922	49,407,150	(d) 16,009	32.4
1939 (b)	14,403,326	35,186,843	49,590,169	(d) 16,030	32.4
1940 (e)—October	14,282,014	47,337,430	61,619,444	(d) 16,082	26.1
November	13,684,935	47,934,509	61,619,444	(d) 16,705	27.1
December	16,906,279	51,213,165	68,119,444	(d) 17,705	26.0
1941(e)—January	12,756,133	49,613,311	62,369,444	(d) 17,705	28.4
February	13,860,297	48,509,147	62,369,444	(d) 17,705	28.4
March	13,866,954	49,252,490	63,119,444	(d) 17,705	28.1

(a) Includes English sterling. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) Average of published figures including values expressed in £'s gold, £'s sterling and £'s Australian. (d) £'s Australian. (e) On last Monday in each month.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	29th March, 1937.	28th March, 1938.	27th March, 1939.	25th March, 1940.	31st March, 1941.	
	£	£	£	£	£	
10s.	4,141,896	4,066,976	4,112,337	4,502,807	4,736,149	
£1	19,765,312	20,677,425	20,994,142	24,075,913	27,099,280	
£5	10,812,355	11,251,245	11,493,965	13,502,235	17,409,485	
£10	4,825,550	4,934,980	5,094,270	6,316,970	8,425,210	
£20	181,860	129,400	109,060	92,640	75,220	
£50	1,217,500	1,232,850	1,253,450	1,528,850	1,972,200	
£100	2,191,500	2,131,300	2,240,900	2,575,800	3,006,900	
£1,000	5,153,000	4,610,000	2,230,000	1,430,000	395,000	
Held by banks	14,884,790	16,885,913	14,821,526	11,346,941	13,866,954	
Held by public	33,404,183	32,148,263	32,708,598	42,678,274	49,252,490	
Total	48,288,973	49,034,176	47,530,124	54,025,215	63,119,444	
Reserve(a) {	Gold	324,521	318,958	341,213	393,136	74,863
	English Sterling	15,687,142	15,687,141	15,688,391	15,688,392	17,630,183
	Total	16,011,663	16,006,099	16,029,604	16,081,528	17,705,046
	Percentage on circulation	33.16	32.64	33.73	29.77	28.05

(a) Valued in Australian Currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1940.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1940.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1940.		Pensions paid during Year. (a)	
	Old-age. (b)	Invalid. (b)	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Inva- lid.	Old-age.	Inva- lid.	Amount. £	Per head of Popn. (c)
New South Wales(d) ..	108,165	26,606	134,771	387	95	s. d. 38 6	s. d. 39 1	6,627,718	47 8
Victoria	76,081	12,739	88,820	401	67	38 6	38 9	4,470,057	47 4
Queensland	34,159	8,677	42,836	334	85	38 6	38 9	2,138,230	42 0
South Australia(e) ..	24,853	4,668	29,521	410	77	37 8	38 6	1,453,840	48 2
Western Australia ..	19,024	3,454	22,478	407	74	38 2	38 9	1,112,580	47 8
Tasmania	10,614	2,552	13,166	442	106	38 3	38 7	656,820	55 0
Total	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	38 5	38 10	16,459,245	47 1

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed, and at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pension list. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes A.C.T. (e) Includes N.T.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (a)
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
1910 ..	65,492	(c)	65,492	150	(c)	£ 1,433,585	s. d. 19 1
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	(e) 33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,128	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	(e) 34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	(e) 36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	(e) 38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,732	38 5
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Invalid pension payments commenced 15th December, 1910. (d) See note (b) to preceding table. (e) Change in rate—5s. decrease, July, 1931; 1s. increase, July, 1935; 2s. increase, September, 1936; 2s. increase, September, 1937.

WAR (1914-19) PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1940.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.			
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
New South Wales	25,671	8,366	43,310	77,347	2 1 4	0 17 9	1 5 7	
Victoria ..	25,334	8,058	44,720	78,112	1 15 10	0 15 11	1 2 5	
Queensland	8,740	2,518	15,476	26,734	2 2 5	0 16 4	1 4 10	
South Australia ..	4,536	2,090	7,862	14,488	2 1 5	0 19 0	1 6 0	
Western Australia	6,931	2,165	12,353	21,449	1 19 3	0 16 9	1 4 0	
Tasmania ..	3,348	1,121	7,260	11,729	2 9 7	0 15 6	1 5 3	
United Kingdom ..	1,581	1,927	2,663	6,171	2 5 9	1 6 10	1 11 8	
South Africa ..	49	25	60	134	1 18 0	1 4 3	1 9 3	
New Zealand ..	252	115	304	671	1 16 11	1 1 8	1 7 5	
Elsewhere ..	20	3	19	42	1 18 3	0 16 10	1 7 1	
Total ..	76,462	26,388	134,027	236,877	1 19 11	0 17 1	1 4 6	

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1940.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,436	1,130	522	320	390	60	3,858
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	941	813	790	511	439	212	3,706
Dependants ..	1,188	1,148	940	659	514	365	4,814
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	290	137	65	56	62	13	623
Dependants ..	432	241	103	111	84	28	999
Total 1939-40 ..	4,287	3,469	2,420	1,657	1,489	678	14,000
1938-39 ..	3,872	3,206	2,367	1,603	1,454	606	13,108
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	1 12 10	1 13 2	1 12 6	1 13 2	1 12 6	1 11 3	1 12 9
Dependants ..	0 18 7	0 18 4	0 16 11	0 17 10	0 19 0	0 15 3	0 17 11
All Pensioners ..	1 7 5	1 7 3	1 5 9	1 6 0	1 7 1	1 2 0	1 6 7

AUSTRALIAN WAR (1914-19) AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,534,888	2,592,985	2,634,894	2,661,271	2,674,462	2,618,564
Victoria ..	2,238,734	2,276,024	2,326,414	2,334,448	2,353,107	2,317,417
Queensland ..	807,070	825,390	857,139	874,872	890,710	873,635
South Australia ..	445,820	464,536	481,068	493,255	497,230	497,743
Western Australia ..	651,797	662,932	680,272	689,528	696,833	685,019
Tasmania ..	361,967	371,568	387,511	397,199	403,747	404,154
Elsewhere ..	319,781	326,793	315,791	310,634	303,200	285,714
Total ..	7,360,057	7,520,228	7,683,089	7,761,207	7,819,289	7,682,246

(ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1935-36.(a)	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	10,450	66,565	96,327	118,443	148,599
Victoria ..	7,557	54,127	84,365	103,292	118,577
Queensland ..	3,884	35,465	57,543	72,717	80,364
South Australia ..	6,330	37,277	45,028	51,474	54,377
Western Australia ..	2,522	23,549	36,344	46,044	51,651
Tasmania ..	392	4,728	10,254	15,157	18,695
Elsewhere ..	..	3	10	..	..
Total ..	31,135	221,714	329,871	407,127	472,263

(a) Portion of year.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1934 ..	29,960	19,499	10,780	6,783	4,951	3,788	20	75,781
1935 ..	30,354	19,940	10,940	6,409	5,035	3,725	39	76,442
1936 ..	30,463	19,672	11,640	6,613	4,850	3,689	26	76,953
1937 ..	31,086	20,350	12,170	6,854	4,731	4,018	45	79,254
1938 ..	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,362
Total since 10.10.12	1,268,946	833,944	473,142	277,929	202,605	136,264	1,064	3,193,894

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1938-39.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Under £201	199,482	225,744	1 2 8	2.0
£201 to £500	69,454	414,564	5 19 5	3.6
£501 to £1,000	38,303	779,325	20 6 11	6.7
£1,001 and over	27,525	5,839,145	212 2 11	50.8
Total Individuals	334,764	7,258,778	21 13 8	63.1
Companies	12,301	4,238,699	344 11 8	36.9
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	..	11,497,477	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1937-38.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	20,858	20,665	20,742	21,028	20,956
Absentee Owners	2,511	2,528	2,555	2,584	2,559
TOTAL	23,369	23,193	23,297	23,612	23,515
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	217,335,439	217,603,579	221,124,954	225,774,692	228,207,419
Absentee	2,046,734	1,928,483	1,985,918	1,999,905	2,047,766
TOTAL	219,382,173	219,532,062	223,110,872	227,774,597	230,255,185
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	250,561,965	248,008,473	256,376,660	257,346,942	257,277,026
Absentee	2,286,466	2,115,404	2,156,519	2,167,995	2,196,814
TOTAL	252,848,431	250,123,877	258,533,179	259,514,937	259,473,840
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	804,382	821,038	909,467	924,749	1,045,591
Absentee Owners ..	9,147	8,592	9,760	10,082	10,673
TOTAL	813,529	829,630	919,227	934,831	1,056,264
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	316,218	313,268	333,903	339,487	372,713
Absentee Owners ..	2,230	2,483	2,704	3,267	3,342
TOTAL	318,448	315,751	336,607	342,754	376,055
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,120,600	1,134,306	1,243,370	1,264,236	1,418,304
Absentee Owners ..	11,377	11,075	12,464	13,349	14,015
TOTAL	1,131,977	1,145,381	1,255,834	1,277,585	1,432,319
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	558,172.616	557,424.176	557,109.422	557,636.000	556,695.994
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.314d.	1.320d.	1.415d.	1.427d.	1.592d.

(a) Exclusive of Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1938-39.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1,001- 2,000	3,731	6,683,967	5,342,885	40,980
2,001- 3,000	1,782	5,377,199	4,359,583	40,295
3,001- 4,000	972	4,081,453	3,411,078	37,962
4,001- 5,000	625	3,348,719	2,810,183	33,663
5,001-10,000	1,462	12,416,338	10,207,774	166,445
10,001-20,000	729	11,714,957	9,812,802	262,732
20,001-50,000	302	10,959,658	9,017,187	478,396
50,001 and over	78	11,117,059	8,106,674	941,810
Total	9,681	65,699,350	53,068,766	2,002,283

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1938-39.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Month.	1939-40.			1940-41.(b)		
	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(c)	Net Taxable Sales.(c)	Sales Tax Payable.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(c)	Net Taxable Sales.(c)	Sales Tax Payable.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000
July	36,608	14,718	736	40,188	14,763	1,226
August	40,911	16,690	834	41,711	16,071	1,339
September	48,530	20,923	1,172	43,965	16,500	1,374
Total, September Quarter ..	126,049	52,331	2,742	125,864	47,334	3,939
October	44,800	19,201	1,153	46,000	17,500	1,460
November	46,541	18,706	1,122	46,700	20,100	1,760
December	44,097	18,077	1,084	44,800	21,300	2,000
Total, December Quarter ..	135,438	55,984	3,359	137,500	58,900	5,220
January	38,971	15,509	931	41,100	18,600	1,700
February(b)	41,034	17,362	1,040	43,900	20,400	1,900
March (b)	44,278	17,638	1,059	..	..	..
Total, March Quarter(a) ..	124,283	50,509	3,030	..	..	..
April(b)	45,559	19,177	1,152	..	..	..
May(b)	42,883	16,204	1,282	..	..	..
June(b)	36,511	13,730	1,142	..	..	..
Total, June Quarter(b) ..	124,953	49,111	3,576	..	..	..
Total for Year(b) ..	510,723	207,935	12,707	..	..	..

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.
 (b) Subject to revision. These figures, while not final, are not subject to the large taxable adjustments necessitated in respect of " preliminary " figures in previous issues. (c) Includes imports at Customs House.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

Commodity Group.	1939-40 (Six months), July to December.(b)			1940-41 (Six months), July to December.(c)		
	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(d)	Net Taxable Sales.(d)	Sales Tax Payable.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(d)	Net Taxable Sales.(d)	Sales Tax Payable.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1. Ales, Spirits and Beverages	12,279	4,240	235	9,303	3,360	239
2. Tobacco and preparations thereof	15,017	..	..	14,009	..	..
3. Sugar	1,466	..	..	1,548	..	..
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	40,892	10,125	571	31,202	7,809	666
5. Textiles and Attire	33,659	29,473	1,664	26,258	21,794	1,865
6. Metals and Machinery	52,665	21,868	1,227	38,419	16,085	1,374
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	19,878	1,663	93	16,017	903	77
8. Earthenware, etc.	4,844	1,704	97	4,279	1,806	140
9. Drugs and Chemicals	6,901	2,339	133	5,015	1,780	151
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	8,991	3,418	191	7,099	3,239	258
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	4,399	3,191	180	4,489	2,228	206
12. Leather and Rubber	7,066	3,123	178	5,740	2,247	199
13. Paper and Stationery	8,332	5,277	297	7,000	4,235	372
14. Vehicles	14,342	12,156	685	7,216	4,873	421
15. Musical Instruments	246	179	10	119	84	8
16. Miscellaneous (e)	5,649	2,567	143	4,848	2,214	192
16A. Unclassified (f)	21,712	6,831	388	20,789	7,242	625
17. Unallotted	3,149	161	9	2,219	101	8
Total	261,487	108,315	6,101	205,569	80,000	6,851
States—						
New South Wales	104,526	46,095	2,598	89,100	38,231	3,290
Victoria	83,384	35,011	1,973	59,988	22,998	1,955
Queensland	34,634	12,833	722	24,167	7,689	661
South Australia	19,168	7,240	407	15,830	5,423	466
Western Australia	14,845	5,456	307	12,047	4,247	359
Tasmania	4,904	1,670	94	4,336	1,382	118
Northern Territory	26	10	..	101	80	2
Total	261,487	108,315	6,101	205,569	80,000	6,851

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Final figures. For preliminary figures see Quarterly Summary No. 159. It has not, as yet, been possible to dissect the approximate totals shown in the previous table for months after December, 1939, into the various commodity groups. (c) Preliminary figures, totals incomplete. For approximate totals see previous table. (d) Includes imports taxable at Customs House. (e) Includes those commodities included in Customs Tariff Schedule 1933-36—Division 16. (f) Relates to returns covering several classes of commodities details for which are not individually specified.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Social Services Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board, and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

STATE REVENUES, 1939-40.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b) ..	19,820,785	10,699,409	7,769,496	4,563,353	c3,030,051	c1,613,713	47,496,807
Railways ..	d19,954,851	9,855,781	7,918,487	c3,145,442	3,497,529	5,770	44,377,860
Tramways (f) ..	4,467,909	g 106,346	..	..	304,856	..	4,879,111
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	1,809,511	2,284,786	2,489	1,791,725	1,794,980	7,597	7,691,088
Land ..	1,627,974	415,661	1,550,629	235,729	316,205	68,110	4,214,308
Interest ..	454,554	1,503,900	1,250,188	926,905	475,839	448,336	5,059,722
Commonwealth Payments ..	2,967,593	2,127,159	1,096,235	1,578,816	1,068,432	696,859	9,535,094
All other Sources ..	3,651,449	1,109,693	1,167,980	513,078	632,051	214,925	7,289,776
Total Revenue ..	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 19 15 11	£ s. d. 14 17 5	£ s. d. 20 7 9	£ s. d. 21 7 4	£ s. d. 23 16 9	£ s. d. 12 15 8	£ s. d. 18 14 3

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1935-36 TO 1939-40.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	46,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,434	113,807,968
1936 ..	45,718,823	26,038,340	15,488,991	11,409,325	10,033,721	3,117,602	111,806,802
1937 ..	49,159,077	27,221,267	16,535,038	11,739,306	10,185,433	3,488,524	118,328,645
1938 ..	53,545,720	27,614,982	17,339,731	12,460,936	10,819,042	3,639,755	125,420,166
1939 ..	51,709,735	26,985,548	19,330,369	12,303,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,673
1940 ..	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1939-40.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,173,580	8,459,677	6,839,579	5,281,926	4,490,026	1,276,590	41,521,378
Railways ..	14,355,601	7,684,667	6,204,833	2,693,495	2,799,283	17,844	33,735,723
Tramways (f) ..	4,037,802	..	..	..	254,837	..	4,292,639
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	963,284	1,078,549	4,779	599,867	828,997	622	3,476,098
Education ..	5,443,227	3,198,968	1,815,110	1,095,355	876,491	401,463	12,830,614
Hospitals ..	2,242,138	1,253,243	459,446	476,617	127,703	164,631	4,723,773
Other Charities ..	7,081,590	2,419,168	1,317,314	615,124	358,116	254,070	12,045,382
All other Expenditure ..	d 7,772,355	4,002,202	4,098,688	2,155,992	1,531,315	937,689	20,498,241
Total Expenditure ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 20 12 6	£ s. d. 14 17 4	£ s. d. 20 7 6	£ s. d. 21 12 9	£ s. d. 24 3 0	£ s. d. 12 15 6	£ s. d. 19 1 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1935-36 TO 1939-40.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,856,977	117,165,082
1936 ..	47,409,604	26,154,801	16,230,806	11,260,360	9,945,343	3,247,288	114,248,202
1937 ..	49,081,953	27,192,344	16,815,228	11,600,138	10,556,638	3,443,618	118,689,919
1938 ..	53,495,881	27,684,037	17,568,223	12,334,391	10,829,735	3,632,903	125,445,170
1939 ..	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940 ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1939-40, see p. 46. (c) Gross collections.

(d) Excludes £300,000, formerly included, contributed from Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of losses on Country Developmental Railways. (e) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (f) Includes Omnibuses. (g) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1939-40.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.(b)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Works—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways ..	1,546,461	858,623	500,995	176,084	20,260	29,866	3,154,003
Tramways (c) ..	8,323	..		d 13,464	Cr. 73	..	
Roads and Bridges ..	450,574	Cr. 25,466	321,636	71,000	Cr. 472	..	76,392
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	527,718	Cr. 2,343	37,117	120,164	11,841	..	
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	270,814	403,764	442,000	303,562	88,550	..	1,508,690
Public Buildings ..	984,556	268,195	481,601	90,666	366,017	194,971	2,386,006
Unemployment Relief ..	661,563	1,400,505	..	..	1,205,503	Cr. 5,180	3,262,391
Other Public Works, &c. ..	607,155	268,252	558,301	46,975	25,868	637,818	2,144,369
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (e) ..	88,968	Cr. 443,188	116,048	Cr. 173,171	Cr. 56,653	Cr. 30,956	Cr. 498,952
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	681,819	..	Cr. 454	50,336	27,850	..	759,551
Other ..	58,315	406,129	151,599	73,997	78,284	..	768,324
Other purposes ..	..	7,240	Cr. 116	177,089	45,104	..	229,317
Total Works, &c. ..	5,886,266	3,141,711	2,608,727	950,166	1,812,079	902,911	15,301,860
Per Head (f) ..	£ s. d. 2 2 7	£ s. d. 1 13 3	£ s. d. 2 11 3	£ s. d. 1 11 10	£ s. d. 3 17 8	£ s. d. 3 15 7	£ s. d. 2 3 10
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	Cr. 329,746	..	..	397,324	146,825	..	214,403
Discounts and Flo-							
tation Expenses ..	91,100	19,667	8,754	12,250	15,417	..	147,188
Other ..	..	..	100,000	..	..	..	100,000
Grand Total ..	5,647,620	3,161,378	2,717,481	1,359,740	1,974,321	902,911	15,763,451

(a) Includes expenditure from Loan Suspense Account. (b) Expenditure from Loan and on account of Loan; includes expenditure from Public Account Advances Account, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (c) Includes Omnibuses. (d) Loans to Metropolitan Tramways Trust. (e) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (f) Based on mean population of financial year.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1940.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways and Tramways	161,766	76,854	65,598	38,679	26,823	7,337	377,057
Roads and Bridges ..	20,257	12,440	4,628	3,840	3,145	7,167	93,375
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	21,880	1,405	2,798	8,427	7,388		
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	40,806	31,051	1,053	18,954	14,226	..	106,090
Electricity Supply ..	2,065	17,839	..	..	1,842	6,128	27,874
Public Buildings ..	16,473	7,154	6,462	4,080	2,569	2,611	39,349
Unemployment Relief ..	16,615	12,429	..	..	(b)	370	29,414
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,133	3,683	25,288	7,799	3,078	3,657	54,638
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	12,318	44,053	4,675	12,314	17,892	3,275	94,527
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	18,284	..	2,108	9,193	3,350	..	32,935
Other ..	7,780	4,529	9,100	2,201	13,743	..	37,353
Other purposes ..	..	141	778	4,045	3,355	101	8,420
Total Works ..	329,377	211,578	122,488	109,532	97,411	30,646	901,032
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	40,532	4,864	5,826	9,006	12,117	836	73,181
Other (e) ..	17,668	5,755	9,493	1,208	4,080	..	38,204
Grand Total ..	387,577	222,197	137,807	119,746	113,608	31,482	1,012,417

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldiers' Land Settlement. (e) Discounts and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1940.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	192,089	158,697	12,540	363,326	6,546	5,917	607	13,070
Victoria ..	113,586	62,465	4,499	180,550	4,273	2,402	221	6,896
Queensland ..	59,342	62,788	6,903	129,033	2,094	2,785	393	5,272
South Australia ..	64,713	42,898	1,733	109,344	2,409	1,676	87	4,172
Western Australia ..	50,261	43,954	2,015	96,230	1,753	1,687	101	3,541
Tasmania ..	13,656	13,360	228	27,244	518	492	12	1,022
Total ..	493,647	384,162	27,918	905,727	17,593	14,959	1,421	33,973

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £ (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable, takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Nine months ended March.					
	1939-40.			1940-41.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	37,706	41,971	— 4,265	41,757	43,152	— 1,395
Victoria ..	16,792	19,524	— 2,732	16,972	19,962	— 2,990
Queensland ..	14,318	14,829	— 511	14,324	15,169	— 845
South Australia ..	8,862	9,599	— 737	8,938	9,529	— 591
Western Australia ..	7,996	8,414	— 418	8,261	8,498	— 237
Tasmania ..	2,035	2,021	+ 14	1,779	2,192	— 413
Total, Six States ..	87,709	96,358	— 8,649	92,031	98,502	— 6,471
Commonwealth ..	76,271	74,216	+ 2,055	88,250	87,973	+ 277
Grand Total (b) ..	156,776	163,370	— 6,594	173,054	179,248	— 6,194

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget, and from the Unemployment Relief Fund. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals are exclusive of payments by Commonwealth to the States on account of interest on States' debts, special grants, &c.

TAXATION REVENUE AND ADMINISTRATIVE, ETC., EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Revenue from Taxation.		Expenditure—Administration, Works and Social Services including Unemployment Relief.	
	Nine months ended March.			
	1939-40.	1940-41.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	(a) 10,643	(a) 12,562	17,112	17,158
Victoria	5,396	4,808	7,267	7,180
Queensland	5,023	4,786	5,298	5,433
South Australia	2,793	2,563	3,167	2,996
Western Australia	2,036	2,166	2,120	2,167
Tasmania	964	733	1,169	1,348
Total, Six States	26,855	27,618	36,133	36,282
Commonwealth	60,138	69,976	(b) 37,204	(b) 49,513
Grand Total	86,993	97,594	73,337	85,795

(a) Unemployment Relief and Social Services Taxes have replaced Wages and Special Income Taxes as from September, 1939. (b) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (including Munitions and Supply), £11,259,000, 1939-40; £21,703,000, 1940-41.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.		Expenditure.	
	Nine months ended March.			
	1939-40. £'000.	1940-41. £'000.	1939-40. £'000.	1940-41. £'000.
New South Wales	20,857	22,825	14,032	14,909
Victoria (b)	7,567	8,276	6,012	6,377
Queensland (c)	6,077	6,201	4,647	4,739
South Australia	3,754	3,979	2,483	2,517
Western Australia	4,133	4,285	2,879	2,839
Tasmania(d)	6	..	14	..
Total, Six States	42,394	45,566	30,067	31,381
Commonwealth	13,615	14,520	9,616	10,149
Grand Total	56,009	60,086	39,683	41,530

(a) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Since the creation of the Transport Commission, transport finance has been separated from Consolidated Revenue.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1939-40.(a)

State.	Customs and Excise.	Income and Dividend Tax.	Other Taxes on Income. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
(i) TOTAL.									
N. South Wales	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	..	7,031,961	8,253,276	2,169	2,201,268	1,422,851	2,861,342	909,260	22,682,127
Queensland ..	..	4,737,696	1,999,902	490,255	1,456,752	978,992	1,981,509	1,065,556	12,710,662
South Australia ..	..	3,452,653	2,255,197	408,640	658,298	605,400	1,028,247	407,923	8,816,448
Western Aust.	..	2,358,733	..	320,316	563,505	236,427	687,644	453,493	4,620,118
Tasmania ..	..	1,001,906	1,522,041	99,348	122,442	250,728	451,037	282,056	3,729,558
	..	452,072	385,666	83,769	135,107	85,626	214,189	(c) 471,473	1,827,902
Total States ..	..	19,035,021	14,416,082	1,404,497	5,137,372	3,580,114	7,223,968	3,589,761	54,386,815
Commonwealth	53,824,906	16,430,313	..	1,645,829	2,212,690	..	..	415,896,925	90,010,663
Grand Total	53,824,906	35,465,334	14,416,082	3,050,326	7,350,062	3,580,114	7,223,968	19,486,686	144,397,478

(ii) PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales	..	2 10 10	2 19 9	..	0 15 11	0 10 3	1 0 8	0 6 7	8 4 0
Victoria ..	..	2 10 2	1 1 2	0 5 2	0 15 5	0 10 4	1 0 11	0 11 4	6 14 6
Queensland ..	..	3 7 10	2 4 4	0 8 0	0 12 11	0 11 11	1 0 2	0 8 1	8 13 3
South Australia ..	..	3 19 0	..	0 10 9	0 18 11	0 7 11	1 3 0	0 15 3	7 14 10
Western Aust.	..	2 2 11	3 5 3	0 4 3	0 5 3	0 10 9	0 19 4	0 12 2	7 19 11
Tasmania ..	..	1 17 10	1 12 3	0 7 0	0 11 4	0 7 2	0 18 0	1 19 5	7 13 0
Total States ..	..	2 14 8	2 1 3	0 4 0	0 14 9	0 10 3	1 0 9	0 10 3	7 15 11
Commonwealth	7 13 11	2 7 0	..	0 4 8	0 6 4	..	..	2 5 5	12 17 4
Grand Total	7 13 11	5 1 6	2 1 2	0 8 8	1 1 1	0 10 3	1 0 8	2 15 7	20 12 10

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. (b) Includes Social Services, Unemployment Relief, State Development, Financial Emergency, Hospital, Special Income, Wages and Family Endowment Taxes. (c) Includes Income Tax on Lottery prizes. (d) Includes Sales, Flour and Gold Taxes. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—TOTAL COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year ended 30th June—		Taxation by Commonwealth Government.			Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
		Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
		£	£	£	£	£
1935	..	37,869,486	20,885,038	58,754,524	36,455,217	95,209,741
1936	..	41,437,717	22,179,589	63,617,306	40,971,713	104,589,019
1937	..	42,993,032	19,780,420	62,773,452	45,449,101	108,222,553
1938	..	48,383,005	20,665,480	69,048,485	49,674,765	118,723,250
1939	..	47,632,365	26,404,534	74,036,899	50,506,997	124,543,896
1940	..	53,824,906	36,185,757	90,010,663	54,386,815	144,397,478

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PER HEAD.

Year ended 30th June—		Taxation by Commonwealth Government.(a)			Taxation by State Governments. (b)	Total Taxation. (a)
		Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1935	..	5 13 0	3 2 4	8 15 4	5 9 0	14 4 1
1936	..	6 2 9	3 5 9	9 8 6	6 1 8	15 9 11
1937	..	6 6 4	2 18 2	9 4 6	6 13 11	15 18 1
1938	..	7 1 0	3 0 2	10 1 2	7 5 1	17 5 11
1939	..	6 17 7	3 16 2	10 13 9	7 6 2	17 19 6
1940	..	7 13 11	5 3 5	12 17 4	7 15 11	20 12 10

(a) Based on mean population of Commonwealth for each financial year.

(b) Based on aggregate

population of the six States, mean for each financial year.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth.	Grand Total.
1939-40	£'000. 5,022	£'000. 1,524	£'000. 2,050	£'000. 349	£'000. 970	£'000. 464	£'000. 10,379	£'000. (a)21,816	£'000. 32,195
1940-41	3,189	787	1,484	584	923	560	7,527	(a)81,638	89,165

(a) Includes Defence and War Services, £20,152,000, 1939-40; £79,495,000, 1940-41.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)
War (1914-19) ..	Australia	186,361,597	183,063,205	179,058,853	175,193,890	173,028,896
	London	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,381
War (1939-41) ..	Australia	..	..	..	..	46,808,759
	London	..	..	..	..	5,810,000
Works, &c. ..	Australia	31,930,376	31,755,432	37,341,609	43,302,593	37,279,030
	London	65,540,946	65,034,246	67,619,246	72,096,566	65,779,396
	New York	16,351,176	16,201,952	16,080,972	15,913,501	15,876,718
Total	Australia	218,291,973	214,818,637	216,400,462	218,496,483	257,116,685
	London	156,285,327	155,778,627	158,368,627	162,840,947	162,333,777
	New York	16,351,176	16,201,952	16,080,972	15,913,501	15,876,718
Total .. ..	..	390,928,476	386,799,216	390,845,061	397,250,931	435,327,180
State	Australia	447,258,509	459,579,899	469,742,248	485,179,757	493,646,681
	London	388,575,335	387,633,735	385,888,993	384,327,833	384,162,382
	New York	28,908,661	28,747,909	28,549,461	28,264,451	27,918,001
Total .. ..	..	864,742,505	875,961,543	884,180,702	897,772,041	905,727,064
Grand Total ..	Australia	665,550,482	674,398,536	686,142,710	703,676,240	750,768,366
	London	544,860,662	543,412,362	544,252,620	547,168,780	546,496,159
	New York	45,259,837	44,949,861	44,630,433	44,177,952	43,794,719
Total .. ..	..	1,255,670,981	1,262,760,759	1,275,025,763	1,295,022,972	1,341,054,244

(a) Currency units as in Public Debt tables on pp. 37 and 44.

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.		Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
			1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	..	Australia	(a) £ s. d. 27 10 2	(a) £ s. d. 26 15 11	(a) £ s. d. 25 19 6	(a) £ s. d. 25 3 4	(a) £ s. d. 24 12 4
	..	London	13 7 10	13 5 8	13 3 3	13 0 9	12 18 2
War (1939-41)	..	Australia	..	..	..	..	6 13 2
	..	London	..	..	..	..	0 16 7
Works, &c.	..	Australia	4 14 3	4 13 0	5 8 4	6 4 5	5 6 1
	..	London	9 13 6	9 10 5	9 16 3	10 7 1	9 7 2
	..	New York	2 8 3	2 7 5	2 6 8	2 5 9	2 5 2
Total ..	..	Australia	32 4 5	31 8 11	31 7 10	31 7 9	36 11 7
	..	London	23 1 4	22 16 1	22 19 6	23 7 10	23 1 11
	..	New York	2 8 3	2 7 5	2 6 8	2 5 9	2 5 2
Total ..	..	..	57 14 0	56 12 5	56 14 0	57 1 4	61 18 8
State ..	..	Australia	66 3 3	67 8 7	68 6 5	69 17 8	70 8 7
	..	London	57 9 7	56 17 6	56 2 6	55 7 2	54 16 3
	..	New York	4 5 6	4 4 4	4 3 0	4 1 5	3 19 8
Total ..	..	..	127 18 4	128 10 5	128 11 11	129 6 3	129 4 6
Grand Total	..	Australia	98 4 7	98 14 5	99 10 9	101 1 10	106 16 2
	..	London	80 8 4	79 10 11	78 19 1	78 12 1	77 15 0
	..	New York	6 13 8	6 11 7	6 9 6	6 6 11	6 4 7
Total ..	..	..	185 6 7	184 16 11	184 19 4	186 0 10	190 15 9

(a) Currency units as in Public Debt tables on pp. 37 and 44.

(iii)—INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia London(b) New York	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)
		8,363,055	8,245,897	8,301,752	8,344,627	9,420,640
		3,077,601	3,040,262	3,201,299	3,403,554	3,387,796
		797,954	790,935	785,240	777,686	775,930
Total(c)	12,238,610	12,077,094	12,288,291	12,525,767	13,584,366
State ..	Australia London New York	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)
		15,841,783	16,333,969	16,715,028	17,240,238	17,593,171
		15,407,943	15,070,888	15,010,049	14,962,882	14,958,802
		1,474,208	1,466,264	1,456,415	1,441,476	1,420,694
Total(c)	32,723,934	32,871,121	33,181,492	33,644,596	33,972,667
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia London(b) New York	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)	£(a)
		24,204,838	24,579,866	25,016,780	25,584,865	27,013,811
		18,485,544	18,111,150	18,211,348	18,366,436	18,346,598
		2,272,162	2,257,199	2,241,655	2,219,062	2,196,624
Total(c)	44,962,544	44,948,215	45,469,783	46,170,363	47,557,033

(a) Currency units as in Public Debt tables on pp. 37 and 44.

(b) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,221).

(c) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State ..	Australia	(a)£ s. d. 3 12 9	(a)£ s. d. 3 12 11	(a)£ s. d. 3 12 11	(a)£ s. d. 3 12 9	(a)£ s. d. 3 12 4
	London (b)	3 19 6	3 18 1	3 18 5	3 18 7	3 18 7
	New York	5 0 5	5 0 5	5 0 5	5 0 6	5 0 4
	Total(c)	3 16 6	3 16 0	3 16 1	3 16 0	3 15 8

(a) Currency units as in Public Debt Tables on pp. 37 and 44.

(b) See note (b) to previous table (iii).

(c) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

(v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where redeemable.	At—								
		30th June 1933.	30th June, 1934.	30th June, 1935.	30th June, 1936.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	31st March, 1941.
Commonwealth	Australia	£'000.(b) 3,500	£'000.(b) 10,220	£'000.(b) 10,220	£'000.(b) 10,220	£'000.(b) 9,720	£'000.(b) 5,495	£'000.(b) 4,220	£'000.(b) 3,970	£'000.(b) 5,000
	London	10,220	10,220	10,220	10,220	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	3,720
State ..	Australia	45,375	48,469	45,124	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	51,801
	London	23,905	23,405	23,405	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155
Total ..	Australia	48,875	48,469	45,124	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	56,801
	London	34,125	33,625	33,625	33,375	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875

(a) Exclusive of Overdrafts.

(b) Currency units as in Public Debt tables on pp. 37 and 44.

(D.) BANKING.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.(b)	Bearing Interest.(c)	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
June, 1935 ..	169,063	2,950,562	24,773,231	119,086,856	224,262,006	343,348,862	371,241,718
" 1936 ..	167,447	3,046,980	18,324,742	122,629,362	221,174,769	343,804,131	365,343,300
" 1937 ..	167,360	3,125,178	26,268,185	138,299,384	236,787,625	375,087,009	404,647,732
" 1938 ..	167,212	3,307,533	21,012,191	141,044,095	250,499,233	391,543,328	416,030,264
" 1939 ..	167,097	3,448,553	20,363,329	140,225,435	250,561,218	390,786,653	414,765,632
June, 1940 ..	166,877	4,276,757	30,138,460	170,778,504	268,195,648	438,974,152	473,556,246
Sept., 1940 ..	168,856	3,880,108	30,828,123	175,992,002	260,425,579	436,417,581	471,292,668
Dec., 1940 ..	166,837	3,971,805	34,050,617	180,646,705	268,085,583	448,732,288	486,921,547
Mar., 1941 ..	166,670	3,808,749	37,633,042	187,368,969	268,511,266	455,880,235	497,488,696

(a) Includes statistics for the Commonwealth Bank (General Bank, but not Savings Bank).

(b) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) deducted.

(c) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E. S. and A. Banks.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets. (c)	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
June, 1936	3,126,679	34,658,347	485,679,101	9,797,759	2,857,331	1,914,557	291,910,962	429,944,736
„ 1937	3,370,102	41,049,603	489,650,990	10,160,012	2,866,532	2,215,608	294,273,960	443,566,807
„ 1938	3,813,396	35,564,117	86,840,366	10,742,379	3,003,098	2,257,228	432,201,132	465,421,716
„ 1939	4,416,510	32,046,111	93,820,443	11,187,055	2,898,238	2,254,002	433,688,203	479,310,562
June, 1940	3,905,569	40,124,980	118,733,337	11,574,500	4,371,472	2,525,644	434,379,567	528,615,069
Sept., 1940	3,846,700	41,164,943	114,902,223	11,752,882	4,375,779	2,397,242	434,511,695	523,951,464
Dec., 1940	3,859,506	44,108,813	128,191,621	11,755,922	5,141,321	2,372,610	433,304,967	531,734,760
Mar., 1941	4,048,172	46,865,583	140,714,944	11,769,166	5,432,253	2,430,701	432,073,951	539,334,770

(a) Includes statistics for the Commonwealth Bank (General Bank, but not Savings Bank).

(b) Includes Treasury Bills.

(c) Includes certain short-term loans, not secured by Treasury Bills, &c., made by the Commonwealth Bank, mainly to Governments, Semi-Governmental and Municipal Authorities, &c.

(d) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) deducted.

SAVINGS BANKS.(a)

End of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
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AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT.

June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1931 ..	69,811	63,243	22,354	21,422	10,867	5,366	43	269	193,375
1932 ..	71,648	65,680	22,952	21,567	10,218	5,586	40	275	197,966
1933 ..	72,308	67,814	22,453	22,515	10,064	5,865	38	225	202,282
1934 ..	75,714	69,971	24,834	23,438	10,399	6,039	44	237	210,676
1935 ..	77,906	72,019	26,196	24,185	10,929	6,430	54	230	217,949
1936 ..	80,000	73,890	27,132	25,308	11,517	6,818	58	239	224,962
1937 ..	81,952	75,721	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	59	259	230,851
1938 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	68	292	240,432
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,359	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,549
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,526	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,954
1940—									
Jan. ..	86,716	80,282	29,382	26,977	12,422	8,567	154	336	244,836
Feb. ..	87,167	81,008	29,359	27,242	12,511	8,707	167	342	246,503
Mar. ..	86,759	80,807	29,096	27,200	12,428	8,690	175	345	245,500
1941—									
Jan. ..	85,572	82,487	29,120	26,965	12,244	8,732	265	363	245,748
Feb. ..	86,135	83,468	29,139	27,145	12,271	8,896	272	370	247,696
Mar. ..	86,737	84,098	29,156	27,412	12,314	8,910	293	375	249,295

AVERAGE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

June—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1931 ..	27 6 7	35 2 11	24 2 5	37 4 0	25 2 11	23 19 1	8 12 4	31 3 0	29 12 7	
1932 ..	27 15 10	36 6 7	24 9 6	37 6 2	23 9 8	24 13 7	8 4 8	32 0 7	30 2 0	
1933 ..	27 16 0	37 5 1	24 15 0	38 15 1	22 18 9	25 15 4	7 18 5	32 5 1	30 10 3	
1934 ..	28 17 7	38 4 11	25 18 7	40 3 8	23 10 6	26 9 10	9 0 3	32 5 10	31 11 1	
1935 ..	29 9 2	39 3 8	27 1 3	41 7 1	24 10 5	28 2 10	9 6 24	32 15 2	32 8 3	
1936 ..	30 0 3	40 0 3	27 13 3	43 1 10	25 11 7	29 13 7	10 17 2	24 8 1	33 4 1	
1937 ..	30 8 9	40 16 3	27 10 5	45 0 6	26 1 1	31 0 1	10 16 10	25 4 4	33 15 10	
1938 ..	31 12 9	42 4 11	28 2 4	45 19 11	26 3 2	32 16 11	11 15 5	25 5 11	34 17 7	
1939 ..	31 16 11	42 5 4	28 11 6	45 18 5	26 12 8	35 9 7	15 19 4	26 0 35	5 6	
1940 ..	29 10 5	41 13 4	27 13 2	44 6 5	25 6 10	35 9 10	27 8 4	26 18 11	33 14 3	
1940—										
Jan. ..	31 5 8	42 8 8	28 18 2	45 3 11	26 13 5	35 13 7	21 10 7	26 11 1	34 19 3	
Feb. ..	31 8 5	42 14 9	28 17 6	45 12 6	26 17 0	36 5 9	23 10 9	26 16 8	35 3 4	
Mar. ..	31 5 1	42 12 0	28 11 5	45 10 8	26 12 7	36 5 5	24 2 5	26 17 8	34 19 11	
1941—										
Jan.(b)	30 11 1	43 0 10	28 8 6	45 3 5	26 2 8	36 12 3	26 10 5	29 0 7	34 15 7	
Feb.(b)	30 15 2	43 11 1	28 8 10	45 9 5	26 3 10	37 6 0	27 4 7	29 12 8	35 1 1	
Mar.(b)	30 19 5	43 17 7	28 9 2	45 18 4	26 5 8	37 7 2	29 4 10	30 0 6	35 5 7	

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Based on estimated population at 31st December, 1940.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK. Deposits.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
30th June—									
1931 ..	14,492,937	6,104,264	22,354,325	1,951,151	2,788,373	1,519,418	43,258	219,935	49,473,661
1932 (a)	71,647,869	7,098,817	22,951,758	2,127,238	10,217,739	1,581,718	40,440	274,838	115,940,465
1933 ..	72,307,685	7,587,472	23,453,017	2,204,022	10,064,464	1,645,053	38,411	225,054	117,525,178
1934 ..	75,714,070	8,361,264	24,834,273	2,304,751	10,398,972	1,714,882	44,251	236,436	123,608,899
1935 ..	77,906,402	8,910,707	26,196,599	2,508,233	10,929,010	1,854,283	53,541	229,896	128,588,671
1936 ..	79,999,948	9,487,818	27,131,659	2,702,422	11,517,220	1,981,090	57,700	238,685	133,116,042
1937 ..	81,952,399	9,965,266	27,304,438	2,917,184	11,834,794	2,123,853	59,127	259,127	136,416,188
1938 ..	86,015,685	10,734,968	28,206,457	3,091,789	12,037,486	2,220,186	67,921	292,461	142,666,953
1939 ..	87,473,789	11,242,366	29,044,712	3,166,990	12,396,191	2,357,983	98,814	318,804	146,099,649
1940 ..	82,110,900	11,784,730	28,251,873	3,093,912	11,860,151	2,297,110	191,926	350,234	139,940,836
1940—									
Jan. ..	86,715,917	11,652,972	29,382,342	3,208,253	12,421,658	2,323,682	153,776	335,846	146,194,746
Feb. ..	87,167,025	11,838,333	29,355,725	3,227,258	12,511,153	2,336,495	166,446	342,274	146,947,709
Mar. ..	86,758,907	11,840,871	29,098,616	3,200,672	12,428,354	2,327,790	175,035	345,254	146,172,499
1941—									
Jan. ..	85,571,744	13,077,930	29,119,879	3,332,412	12,243,927	2,333,595	265,200	362,870	146,307,557
Feb. ..	86,134,543	13,383,483	29,138,709	3,407,162	12,270,725	2,352,586	272,273	370,396	147,329,877
Mar. ..	86,737,200	13,520,172	29,156,008	3,477,610	12,313,694	2,369,366	292,426	375,383	148,241,809

(a) Government Savings Banks of New South Wales and Western Australia were taken over on 14th December, 1931, and 31st October, 1931, respectively. The deposits taken over were:—New South Wales, £56,212,924. Australian Capital Territory, £50,569, and Western Australia, £7,255,591.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart.
	Averages of—		Averages of—					
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bills transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bills transactions.(a)				
Year	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1933	17,116	12,295	13,034	11,870	2,843	2,152	1,528	381
„ 1934	18,634	13,727	14,031	12,966	3,174	2,274	1,622	431
„ 1935	19,623	14,875	14,889	13,885	3,486	2,544	1,815	474
„ 1936	20,894	16,101	15,255	14,430	3,610	2,674	1,947	529
„ 1937	23,003	17,968	17,021	16,188	3,920	3,021	2,011	573
„ 1938	23,227	18,065	16,855	16,076	4,164	3,048	2,092	590
„ 1939	23,428	17,930	16,627	15,626	4,288	2,930	2,059	652
„ 1940	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,803	3,426	2,293	701
1940—								
1st Oct. to 28th Oct. ..	25,525	19,786	20,086	19,239	4,813	3,148	2,222	628
29th Oct. to 25th Nov. ..	27,367	20,961	20,292	19,303	4,580	3,361	2,067	597
26th Nov. to 31st Dec. ..	28,277	23,364	22,430	21,663	4,867	3,713	2,597	669
1941—								
1st Jan. to 27th Jan. ..	25,511	19,689	17,494	16,556	4,011	3,248	2,167	815
28th Jan. to 24th Feb. ..	26,810	20,716	21,443	20,742	4,632	3,685	2,523	605
25th Feb. to 31st Mar. ..	25,441	20,654	20,332	19,713	4,349	3,792	2,303	691

(a) Average weekly clearings exclusive of transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless. A.—Railways.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Heading.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Government—					
Commonwealth ..	2,145	2,145	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,124 (80)	6,124 (90)	6,113 (90)	6,114 (97)	6,141 (69)
Victoria ..	4,721 (25)	4,721 (25)	4,721 (25)	4,769 (25)	4,750 (25)
Queensland ..	6,567 (246)	6,567 (228)	6,567 (212)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)
South Australia ..	2,529 (51)	2,529 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,358 (277)	4,357 (277)	4,376 (277)	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania ..	645 (132)	651 (132)	651 (132)	658 (132)	645 (116)
Total ..	27,089 (811)	27,094 (803)	27,186 (787)	27,284 (765)	27,251 (721)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.

Government.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	15,899,638	16,081,606	16,897,209	17,032,884	17,191,356
New South Wales ..	143,843,072	145,257,282	146,808,073	147,617,530	149,203,908
Victoria ..	76,534,378	77,164,316	(a) 51,764,255	52,448,789	52,037,722
Queensland ..	36,264,700	36,818,984	37,446,264	37,897,129	38,369,254
South Australia ..	29,066,465	29,203,229	29,582,615	29,732,889	30,109,220
Western Australia ..	25,297,832	25,470,403	25,779,661	26,021,781	26,187,632
Tasmania ..	6,672,329	(b) 2,033,045	2,106,081	2,140,330	2,155,261
Total (c) ..	337,940,914	336,391,365	314,746,658	317,253,832	319,616,853

(a) The capital indebtedness was reduced by £25,684,423 on 1st July, 1937. (b) The capital indebtedness was reduced by £4,378,000 on 1st July, 1936. (c) Inclusive of £1,362,500 for Grafton-South Brisbane line.

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Commonwealth ..	2,145	2,145	2,197	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,124	6,124	6,114	6,114	6,118
Victoria ..	4,721	4,721	4,721	4,754	4,759
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,529	2,529	2,555	2,557	2,557
Western Australia ..	4,358	4,357	4,374	4,376	4,380
Tasmania ..	645	651	651	658	644
Total ..	27,089	27,094	27,179	27,227	27,226

TRAFFIC TRAIN MILES RUN (a)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	582	721	758	902	958
New South Wales ..	27,701	28,547	30,203	30,106	29,471
Victoria ..	16,391	17,211	17,917	17,890	17,008
Queensland ..	12,386	12,963	13,648	13,927	14,190
South Australia ..	5,462	5,606	6,111	6,177	5,928
Western Australia ..	6,095	6,075	6,372	6,575	6,134
Tasmania ..	1,659	1,864	1,933	1,906	2,064
Total ..	70,276	72,987	76,942	77,483	75,753

(a) Exclusive of "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

GROSS EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	387	442	443	547	622
New South Wales ..	17,754	18,616	20,286	19,946	20,755
Victoria ..	9,690	10,135	9,735	9,284	9,861
Queensland ..	6,698	7,092	7,383	7,798	8,090
South Australia ..	2,878	3,008	3,285	3,119	3,168
Western Australia ..	3,446	3,462	3,678	3,599	3,556
Tasmania ..	449	479	464	487	536
Total ..	41,302	43,234	45,274	44,780	46,588

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	387	411	512	642	842
New South Wales	11,848	12,355	13,760	14,543	14,647
Victoria	6,857	7,259	7,830	8,060	8,058
Queensland	5,213	5,465	5,887	6,193	6,368
South Australia	2,414	2,557	2,867	2,931	2,937
Western Australia	2,488	2,620	2,710	2,911	2,828
Tasmania	561	620	676	678	688
Total	29,768	31,287	34,242	35,958	36,368

NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth .. .. .	..	31	—69	—95	—220
New South Wales	5,906	6,261	6,526	5,403	6,108
Victoria	2,833	2,876	1,905	1,224	1,803
Queensland	1,485	1,627	1,496	1,605	1,722
South Australia	464	451	418	188	231
Western Australia	958	842	968	688	728
Tasmania	—112	—141	—212	—191	—152
Total	11,534	11,947	11,032	8,822	10,220

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.

Commonwealth .. .. .	..	%	%	%	%	%
New South Wales .. .. .	..	4.11	4.31	4.45	3.66	4.09
Victoria .. .. .	..	3.70	3.73	(a) 3.68	(a) 2.33	(a) 3.47
Queensland .. .. .	..	4.09	4.42	3.99	4.24	4.49
South Australia .. .. .	..	1.60	1.55	1.41	0.63	0.77
Western Australia .. .. .	..	3.79	3.31	3.75	2.64	2.78
Tasmania .. .. .	..	—1.68	b—6.96	b—10.06	b—8.91	b—7.02
Total(c) .. .. .	..	3.41	3.55	3.55	2.78	3.20

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) The capital indebtedness was reduced by £25,684,423 on 1st July, 1937.

(b) The capital indebtedness was reduced by £4,378,000 on 1st July, 1936.

(c) Includes Grafton-South Brisbane line.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1939.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land(a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,120	4,759	6,497	2,558	4,381	658	27,174
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)£	113	3,947	2,210	1,154	391	354	69	8,238
cGoods, including Live Stock and Minerals £	134	6,077	2,236	3,219	1,043	1,370	176	14,255
cMiscellaneous	73	(d) 497	353	(e) 113	43	8	1,087	1,087
cTotal Revenue	320	(f)10,521	4,799	4,373	1,547	1,767	253	23,580
cExpenditure	398	7,042	3,962	3,268	1,404	1,479	(g) 291	17,844
cTrain miles run	487	15,361	8,866	7,629	2,973	(h)3,109	(i) 1,013	39,438
Earnings per train mile	13s. 2d.	13s. 8d.	10s. 10d.	11s. 6d.	10s. 5d.	11s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	12s. 0d.
Expenditure per train mile	16s. 4d.	9s. 2d.	8s. 11d.	8s. 7d.	9s. 5d.	9s. 6d.	5s. 9d.	9s. 1d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	124.23	66.94	82.54	74.74	90.74	83.74	114.97	75.68
cPassenger Journeys, No.	67	89,127	72,724	12,318	8,639	5,182	1,115	189,172
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	4	4,316	115	402	72	142	252	5,303
cOther Minerals carried, tons	2	806	(j)	283	298	111	(k)	1,500
cLive stock carried, tons	39	429	394	266	117	67	13	1,325
cOther Goods carried	61	2,917	2,263	2,705	738	860	177	9,721
cTotal Freight carried	106	8,468	2,772	3,656	1,225	1,180	442	17,849

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane line.

(b) Including Road Motors.

(c) '000 omitted.

(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.

(e) Included with Coaching.

(f) Excluding Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines.

(g) Excluding depreciation.

(h) Including Assistant and Light miles.

(i) Including Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor miles.

(j) Included with Coal and Coke.

(k) Included with Coal and Coke.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1940.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,141	4,759	6,497	2,557	4,381	642	27,178
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	165	4,505	2,616	1,223	460	403	88	9,460
cGoods, including Live Stock and Minerals £	160	6,929	2,515	3,248	1,140	1,344	189	15,525
cMiscellaneous	119	(d) 550	441	(e)	123	46	9	1,238
cTotal Revenue	444	(f) 11,984	5,572	4,471	1,723	1,793	286	26,273
cExpenditure	425	7,503	4,131	3,340	1,375	1,385	(g) 314	18,473
cTrain miles run	571	16,434	9,013	7,783	2,943	(h) 3,078	(i) 1,083	40,905
Earnings per train mile	15s. 7d.	14s. 7d.	12s. 4d.	11s. 6d.	11s. 8d.	11s. 8d.	5s. 3d.	12s. 18d.
Expenditure per train mile	14s. 10d.	9s. 2d.	9s. 2d.	8s. 7d.	9s. 4d.	9s. 0d.	5s. 10d.	9s. 0d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	95.57	62.61	74.15	74.72	79.82	77.27	109.87	70.32
cPassenger Journeys, No.	87	94,538	78,019	13,036	9,440	5,383	1,334	201,837
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	4	4,856	140	480	68	136	188	5,872
cOther Minerals carried, tons	13	770	(j)	271	292	96	(k)	1,442
cLive stock carried, tons	34	416	425	296	117	68	12	1,368
cOther Goods carried ..	58	3,530	2,759	2,571	919	906	257	11,000
cTotal Freight carried ..	109	9,572	3,324	3,618	1,396	1,206	457	19,682

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane line. (b) Including Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excluding Governmental contributions towards losses on
 non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excluding depreciation. (h) Including Assistant and
 Light Miles. (i) Including Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included
 with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Six months ended December—				
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.(b)
Registered Aircraft owners					
(c)	No.	124	102	139	137
Registered Aircraft(c) ..	"	228	214	286	288
Licensed Pilots—(c)					
Private	"	714	744	937	1,096
Commercial	"	236	265	323	346
Licensed Ground Engi- neers(c)	"	295	346	437	525
Aerodromes—(c)					(d) 651
Government	"	63	72	74	71
Public	"	171	183	197	213
Government Emer- gency Grounds	"	148	151	153	147
Hours flown	"	41,709	54,240	62,172	62,355
Approximate mileage .. Miles		4,240,856	5,871,631	7,035,526	6,625,563
Passengers carried—					4,872,836
Paying	No.	42,094	62,378	63,843	60,450
Non-paying	"	8,287	13,490	12,198	13,502
Total	"	50,381	75,868	76,041	73,952
Goods, Weight carried	lb.	439,442	567,951	806,185	937,579
Mails, Weight carried	"	79,770	111,743	(e) 378,088	(e) 246,853
Accidents—					(e) 209,698
Persons killed .. No.		2	7	28	7
Persons injured	"	4	3	9	1

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore oversea service, but exclusive of those relating to
 civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Subject to revision. (c) At 30th June. (d) Includes
 licences issued for New Guinea. (e) Includes gross weight of oversea mail.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1937.	At 30th June, 1938.	At 30th June, 1939.	At 30th June, 1940.	At 31st March, 1941.
Lines connected.. .. No.	440,471	465,408	487,535	506,612	520,037
Instruments connected	594,855	630,175	661,996	691,088	712,008

D.—Motor Vehicles.

States and Territories.	No. of Registrations.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Com-mercial Ve-hicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registra-tion and Motor Tax. £	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences. £	Miscel-laneous. £	Total. £
1939-40.									
New South Wales ..	210,808	75,887	21,542	308,237	472,595	2,538,903	243,502	106,472	2,888,877
Victoria ..	156,337	84,575	25,765	266,677	370,838	1,844,901	93,126	43,655	1,981,682
Queensland ..	77,037	44,689	8,031	129,757	163,864	921,782	64,923	59,169	1,045,874
South Australia ..	56,510	23,966	8,825	89,301	129,950	628,378	58,468	12,540	699,386
Western Australia ..	38,930	25,135	6,791	70,856	86,986	403,215	27,067	25,786	456,068
Tasmania ..	17,998	5,235	3,351	26,184	31,148	175,675	15,574	23,588	214,837
Northern Territory ..	459	1,061	100	1,620	2,029	2,777	815	..	3,592
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,854	446	91	2,391	3,371	14,062	1,908	99	16,069
Total ..	559,533	260,994	74,496	895,023	1,260,781	6,529,693	505,383	271,309	7,306,385
Total, 1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	244,722	7,071,544

REGISTRATIONS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1941.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	(a)W.A.	Tas.	(b)N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	208,234	149,402	75,600	58,360	36,510	17,964	459	1,922	548,451
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	75,583	85,875	45,748	24,682	24,348	5,493	1,061	429	263,219
Motor Cycles ..	21,148	24,450	8,153	9,143	6,503	3,342	100	84	72,923
Total ..	304,965	259,727	129,501	92,185	67,361	26,799	1,620	2,435	884,593
Total at 31st March, 1940 ..	315,460	265,525	130,145	95,798	68,333	26,158	1,426	2,426	905,271

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 28th February, 1941.

(b) At 30th June, 1940.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1941.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a)S.A.	(b)W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	5,165	4,711	1,944	1,582	587	435	27	14,451
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	2,468	2,643	1,518	744	211	281	5	7,870
Motor Cycles ..	776	625	246	280	84	75	2	2,088
Total ..	8,409	7,979	3,708	2,606	882	791	34	24,409
Total Nine months ended March, 1940 ..	17,917	14,897	8,330	4,979	1,948	1,640	149	49,860

(a) Exclusive of Northern Territory.

(b) Metropolitan Area only.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of Primary Producers' Vehicles, Victoria, are included under the heading "Commercial Vehicles, etc."

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1928 ..	79,931	137,503	25,211	20,247	3,727	3,141	269,760
" " 1929 ..	100,798	142,534	24,660	23,944	3,841	4,751	300,528
" " 1930 ..	111,080	139,887	23,263	25,671	5,715	6,032	311,648
" " 1931 ..	122,470	137,005	24,108	30,238	9,075	8,232	331,128
" " 1932 ..	141,450	139,323	28,958	37,142	12,679	9,540	369,092
" " 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,430
" " 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,088	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
" " 1935 ..	278,648	236,886	67,869	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,532
" " 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
" " 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,033	61,151	29,780	938,331
" " 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,004
" " 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,807	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
31st Mar., 1941 ..	491,816	360,115	165,083	130,127	91,133	44,513	1,282,787

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.O.T.	Total.	Australia (a) (b).
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1935	182	147	109	112	130	77	4	15	776	(a)354
1936	184	147	111	114	132	76	5	15	784	(a)356
1937	184	147	110	113	132	76	6	15	783	(a)358
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1935	584	399	321	183	190	77	..	1	1,755	(b)2,177
1936	559	396	314	177	211	71	..	1	1,729	(b)2,157
1937	571	396	309	171	198	70	..	1	1,716	(b)2,141
1938	573	400	314	179	202	68	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1935	309,689	199,132	148,127	59,102	58,315	14,556	851	1,053	790,830	790,830
1936	315,517	201,616	153,953	59,900	60,762	15,839	992	1,230	814,809	814,809
1937	333,879	209,794	162,212	63,770	65,053	19,208	912	1,455	856,283	856,283
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,635	915,470	915,470

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia.—Number and Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed(a).

Particulars.					Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
							Number.	Percentage. (b)
1936	Year	..	..	..	392	441,311	53,992	12.2
1937	"	..	..	..	387	449,588	41,823	9.3
1938	"	..	..	..	390	466,325	40,133	8.7
1939	"	..	..	..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940	"	..	..	..	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1932,	June	Quarter(c)	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1937,	June	"	..	..	387	447,714	43,584	9.7
	September	"	..	..	387	451,584	42,145	9.3
	December	"	..	..	387	445,608	37,558	8.2
1938,	March	"	..	..	386	462,918	37,111	8.0
	June	"	..	..	386	464,208	39,824	8.6
	September	"	..	..	394	468,634	43,092	9.2
	December	"	..	..	395	471,581	42,077	8.9
1939,	March	"	..	..	395	474,277	45,545	9.6
	June	"	..	..	398	477,149	45,183	9.5
	September	"	..	..	397	478,000	48,888	10.2
	December	"	..	..	392	478,245	44,253	9.3
1940,	March	"	..	..	394	483,806	38,307	7.9
	June	"	..	..	388	475,815	49,775	10.5
	September	"	..	..	397	496,372	36,892	7.4
	December	"	..	..	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941,	March	"	..	..	398	514,379	27,289	5.3

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 54 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter: they do not include persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 74.

(c) Peak of unemployment.

Unemployment(*a*)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.				N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1935	Year	..	..	20.6	14.0	8.7	17.6	13.4	13.2	16.5
1936	"	..	..	15.4	10.7	7.8	10.8	8.1	9.8	12.2
1937	"	..	..	10.9	9.0	7.3	8.2	5.6	7.3	9.3
1938	"	..	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1939	"	..	..	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940	"	..	..	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1932—June	Quarter(<i>b</i>)	..		33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1936—June	"	..		16.2	10.6	8.5	11.0	9.2	9.4	12.8
September	"	..		14.8	11.7	7.2	10.0	7.4	9.8	12.0
December	"	..		13.3	9.7	7.2	9.9	5.6	9.1	10.7
1937—March	"	..		11.8	9.5	7.7	9.5	5.4	7.8	9.9
June	"	..		11.4	9.6	7.6	8.3	5.6	6.9	9.7
September	"	..		10.5	9.5	7.2	8.4	6.6	7.2	9.3
December	"	..		10.1	7.3	6.6	6.5	5.0	7.1	8.2
1938—March	"	..		9.6	7.3	6.6	6.9	4.8	5.7	8.0
June	"	..		9.8	8.5	7.2	7.5	5.3	7.2	8.6
September	"	..		10.0	9.7	6.3	10.0	6.1	8.5	9.2
December	"	..		10.1	9.0	5.7	8.8	6.5	10.2	8.9
1939—March	"	..		10.6	10.8	6.1	9.3	7.3	7.6	9.6
June	"	..		10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
September	"	..		11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
December	"	..		11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March	"	..		9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June	"(<i>c</i>)	..		15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September	"	..		9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December	"	..		8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	"	..		7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by Secretaries of Trade Unions.

(*a*) See notes to table on page 55. (*b*) Peak of unemployment. (*c*) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment(*a*)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1929.	1932.	1940.				1941.
	March Qtr.	June Qtr.(<i>b</i>)	March Qtr.	June Qtr.(<i>c</i>)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	6.5	39.6	6.7	6.3	4.9	2.3	3.1
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. ..	11.2	33.9	5.5	12.9	4.4	4.1	2.9
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	5.5	19.3	14.5	18.6	17.5	14.2	10.4
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. ..	9.8	22.6	6.5	12.1	7.1	2.9	3.6
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	2.6	16.8	4.7	4.6	5.1	2.1	2.0
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	13.8	43.0	7.9	6.6	7.5	6.2	4.4
VII. Building ..	10.6	42.1	10.4	8.8	6.8	6.1	5.8
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	13.2	34.2	8.6	10.6	9.4	8.5	8.1
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	7.6	29.6	7.3	6.8	6.9	8.7	6.3
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(<i>d</i>) Other and Miscellaneous ..	7.3	22.2	7.5	9.6	7.3	6.8	6.6
All Groups ..	9.3	30.0	7.9	10.5	7.1	6.2	5.3

(*a*) See notes to table on page 55. (*b*) Peak of unemployment. (*c*) See note (*c*) above. (*d*) For classification see p. 58.

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-directly.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	

NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1940 ..	313	680	161,766	12,238	174,004	636,357	601,804	1,238,161	1,430,416
1939—Dec. Qtr.	96	97	27,109	633	27,742	85,751	1,398	87,149	88,174
1940—March ..	96	403	87,996	2,970	90,966	404,077	..	404,077	456,878
June ..	20	38	3,485	680	4,165	6,794	601,804	608,598	727,510
Sept. ..	114	120	35,007	2,088	37,095	70,206	..	70,206	77,687
Dec. ..	83	119	35,278	6,500	41,778	155,280	..	155,280	168,341

VICTORIA.									
Year—1940 ..	19	44	8,279	385	8,664	73,235	34,800	108,035	101,326
1939—Dec. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1940—March ..	7	7	3,569	282	3,851	35,105	..	35,105	34,905
June ..	3	3	345	..	345	2,834	34,800	37,634	37,097
Sept. ..	7	12	3,125	3	3,128	7,976	..	7,976	6,559
Dec. ..	2	22	1,240	100	1,340	27,320	..	27,320	22,765

QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1940 ..	4	8	3,013	14	3,027	51,028	80,600	131,628	157,673
1939—Dec. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	240	240	288
1940—March ..	2	6	2,662	14	2,676	44,032	..	44,032	51,453
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80,600	80,600	96,720
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	2	2	351	..	351	6,996	..	6,996	9,500

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1940 ..	5	5	2,745	21	2,766	9,506	..	9,506	7,632
1939—Dec. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,020	1,020	893
1940—March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	1	1	680	..	680	4,080	..	4,080	2,980
Dec. ..	4	4	2,065	21	2,086	5,426	..	5,426	4,652

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1940 ..	4	153	2,735	288	3,023	7,217	170	7,387	6,396
1939—Dec. Qtr.	1	1	516	109	625	3,125	..	3,125	4,000
1940—March ..	1	1	23	288	311	2,640	..	2,640	3,115
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	170	170	181
Sept. ..	2	2	712	..	712	577	..	577	600
Dec. ..	1	150	2,000	..	2,000	4,000	..	4,000	2,500

TASMANIA.									
Year—1940 ..	2	5	216	12	228	2,822	7,644	10,466	10,641
1939—Dec. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1940—March ..	2	5	216	12	228	2,822	..	2,822	2,831
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,644	7,644	7,810
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1940(a)(c)	350	899	178,939	13,658	192,597	782,234	725,018	1,507,252	1,716,121
1939—Dec.(b) Qtr.	98	101	27,785	782	28,567	90,076	2,658	92,734	94,455
1940—March(c) ..	110	424	94,497	3,566	98,063	488,813	..	488,813	549,319
June ..	23	41	3,830	680	4,510	9,628	725,018	734,646	869,318
Sept. ..	124	135	39,524	2,091	41,615	82,839	..	82,839	87,826
Dec.(a) ..	93	299	41,088	7,321	48,409	200,954	..	200,954	209,658

(a) Inclusive of one dispute in the Northern Territory—854 workpeople (700 indirectly); working days lost, 1,932; estimated loss in wages, £1,900.

(b) Inclusive of one dispute in the Northern Territory—200 workpeople (40 indirectly); working days lost, 1,200; estimated loss in wages, £1,100.

(c) Inclusive of two disputes in the Northern Territory—31 workpeople; working days lost, 137; estimated loss in wages £137.

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1940.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	105/9	100/9	104/3	98/0	103/1	97/10	102/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/3½	2/4½	2/2½	2/4	2/2½	2/4
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	103/10	101/3	102/6	99/3	105/11	101/6	102/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.18	44.00	44.56	44.00	45.18	44.15
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/3½	2/4	2/2½	2/5	2/3	2/3½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	102/4	96/6	98/8	96/5	102/2	95/10	99/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.59	43.96	45.12	45.28	44.68	44.34
	Hourly Wage	2/4	2/2	2/3	2/1½	2/2½	2/1½	2/2½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	95/3	95/6	100/0	100/0	102/10	93/2	96/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/2	2/2	2/3½	2/3½	2/4	2/1½	2/2½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/6	112/2	110/1	105/8	131/3	105/10	116/2
	Working Hours	43.38	43.39	43.20	43.68	42.72	43.35	43.35
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/7	2/6½	2/5	3/0½	2/5½	2/8½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	102/5	95/5	97/11	97/11	101/9	96/4	99/0
	Working Hours	43.98	44.92	43.97	44.70	44.08	44.18	44.39
	Hourly Wage	2/4	2/1½	2/2½	2/2½	2/3½	2/2½	2/2½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	114/6	109/2	104/7	105/10	107/3	103/2	110/2
	Working Hours	43.66	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/5½	2/7½	2/4½	2/4½	2/4½	2/6½
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	115/2	102/11	111/10	71/6	125/3b	102/1	111/10
	Working Hours	41.94	42.14	42.40	43.79	40.54	43.54	41.97
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/5½	2/7½	1/7½	3/1	2/4½	2/8
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	101/1	99/8	99/4	95/2	101/0	93/5	99/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	46.00	43.79	45.71	44.21
	Hourly Wage	2/3½	2/3½	2/3	2/0½	2/3½	2/0½	2/3
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	100/10	93/2	96/1	86/4	99/4	90/11	96/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.27	44.00	44.73	45.25	44.00	44.21
	Hourly Wage	2/3½	2/1½	2/2½	1/11½	2/2½	2/0½	2/2½
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	102/9	102/7	100/0	104/9	101/8	102/6	102/6
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	81/10	86/6	90/4	81/8	91/7	87/4	85/5
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	95/5	93/6	90/4	92/4	92/3	72/11	93/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.43	44.00	48.00	44.00	44.00	44.40
	Hourly Wage e	2/2	2/1½	2/0½	1/11	2/1½	1/8	2/1½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	98/10	96/0	95/5	90/9	96/7	87/0	96/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.83	44.00	46.00	47.23	46.59	44/74
	Hourly Wage	2/3	2/1½	2/2	1/11½	2/0½	1/10½	2/1½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	99/7	96/10	97/9	92/3	104/0	92/7	98/0
All Groups except XI. and XII.(a)	Weekly Wage	103/7	98/11	100/5	94/6	106/8	94/4	101/1
	Working Hours	43.70	44.28	43.46	45.23	44.09	44.92	44.04
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/2½	2/3½	2/1	2/5	2/1½	2/3½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District Allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Including the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1940.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	51/1	50/4	46/5	46/3	46/1	51/0	50/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/2	1/1½	1/0½	1/0½	1/0½	1/2	1/1½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	52/3	51/5	55/0	55/0	54/2	52/1	52/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/2½	1/2	1/3	1/3	1/2½	1/2½	1/2½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	51/6	55/10	50/7	53/3	..	53/0	53/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	..	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/2	1/3½	1/1½	1/2½	..	1/2½	1/2½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage a	54/0	58/9	55/7	47/10	61/2	55/9	55/10
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	46.22	44.00	44.00	43.95
	Hourly Wage a	1/3	1/4	1/3½	1/0½	1/4½	1/3½	1/3½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	61/11	54/10	60/6	50/0	..	..	57/11
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	48.00	..	..	44.78
	Hourly Wage	1/5	1/2½	1/4½	1/0½	..	..	1/3½
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	54/9	53/5	56/0	52/1	57/6	53/1	54/3
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.01	45.47	44.00	44.00	44.15
	Hourly Wage	1/3	1/2½	1/3½	1/1½	1/3½	1/2½	1/2½

(a) Including the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied. (b) Weighted average.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 31st December, 1940.

Dates.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1934	83 2	78 8	88 9	75 6	84 1	97 7	82 0
" " 1935	84 2	79 9	88 5	77 11	86 7	81 0	83 0
" " 1936	85 6	83 1	88 7	79 6	90 7	83 3	85 0
" " 1937	92 1	88 1	92 8	85 10	93 1	87 0	90 4
" " 1938	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" " 1939	96 7	93 5	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
31st March, 1940	96 11	93 11	97 5	89 0	101 0	90 11	95 6
30th June, 1940	97 9	94 8	97 5	89 4	101 1	91 0	96 1
30th September, 1940	99 5	96 5	97 6	90 3	103 10	91 10	97 7
31st December, 1940	99 7	96 10	97 9	92 3	104 0	92 7	98 0

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1000.)

31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1934	1,623	1,534	1,732	1,473	1,640	1,552	1,599
" " 1935	1,642	1,555	1,725	1,520	1,689	1,581	1,620
" " 1936	1,668	1,621	1,729	1,552	1,768	1,625	1,659
" " 1937	1,797	1,719	1,808	1,674	1,816	1,697	1,763
" " 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1939	1,885	1,823	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
31st March, 1940	1,890	1,832	1,901	1,737	1,971	1,773	1,864
30th June, 1940	1,907	1,847	1,901	1,744	1,972	1,776	1,875
30th September, 1940	1,940	1,881	1,903	1,761	2,025	1,791	1,903
31st December, 1940	1,944	1,890	1,908	1,800	2,029	1,807	1,912

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1934	44 3	43 9	47 8	41 11	49 1	44 1	44 5
" " 1935	44 11	44 2	48 0	43 0	49 1	44 10	45 3
" " 1936	45 7	46 10	48 4	43 4	50 11	45 1	46 5
" " 1937	50 2	49 2	51 4	46 10	51 0	48 6	49 8
" " 1938	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 4
" " 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
31st March, 1940	53 3	51 11	55 2	49 7	55 8	51 10	52 9
30th June, 1940	53 9	52 5	55 5	49 11	55 8	52 1	53 2
30th September, 1940	54 5	52 11	55 6	50 1	57 6	52 5	53 9
31st December, 1940	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1000.)

31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1934	1,628	1,609	1,736	1,541	1,809	1,623	1,636
" " 1935	1,654	1,626	1,767	1,584	1,808	1,651	1,666
" " 1936	1,677	1,722	1,780	1,594	1,873	1,661	1,708
" " 1937	1,848	1,810	1,889	1,724	1,877	1,785	1,825
" " 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
31st March, 1940	1,960	1,909	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,909	1,940
30th June, 1940	1,978	1,929	2,039	1,838	2,049	1,917	1,957
30th September, 1940	2,004	1,948	2,043	1,843	2,116	1,930	1,977
31st December, 1940	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 8 0	(a) 2 7 6	1.2.41	(b)
Victoria ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 9 0	2 8 0	31.3.41	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 4 0	2 1 0	28.11.40	Man, wife and three children
Western Australia..	(e) 4 8 0	(e) 2 7 6	28.4.41	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £4 8s. 0d.; Females, £2 7s. 6d. Elsewhere—Males, £4 5s. 0d.; Females, £2 6s. 0d. Male wage plus child allowances. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but follow Federal rates to a large extent. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 28 4/41 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State exclusive of the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 3s. 6d.; Females, £2 15s. 11d. and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 9s. 3d.; Females, £2 8s. 2d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st May, 1940.	1st August, 1940.	1st November, 1940.	1st February, 1941.	1st May, 1941.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	83 0	85 0	85 0	88 0	88 0
Melbourne ..	82 0	84 0	84 0	86 0	87 0
Brisbane ..	78 0	79 0	79 0	82 0	83 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	80 0	80 0	82 0	83 0
Perth ..	77 0	79 0	80 0	81 0	82 0
Hobart ..	78 0	80 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
Weighted Average—Six Capitals ..	80 0	82 0	83 0	85 0	86 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1935.		1936.		1937.		1938.		1939.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	44	31	52	39	63	42	64	36	64	17
Victoria ..	101	..	141	..	121	..	99	..	173	..
Queensland ..	46	22	61	37	46	42	38	38	50	25
South Australia ..	69	9	22	17	42	16	6	4	18	7
Western Australia ..	17	24	24	26	35	32	28	31	20	25
Tasmania ..	18	..	22	..	43	..	26	..	18	..
Commonwealth Court ..	69	13	32	13	38	11	31	13	31	21
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	4	..	2	..	3	..	3	..	1	..
Total ..	368	99	356	132	391	143	295	124	375	95

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the post-war period 1923-1927. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 64.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-1927=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-1927 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1940.				1941.
							March Qr.	June Qr.	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	553	848	868	904	936	952	933	957	945	974	982
Melbourne	523	809	836	884	942	947	922	954	949	961	949
Brisbane	569	791	828	838	864	889	874	883	879	920	933
Adelaide	570	798	826	861	897	900	881	913	902	903	918
Perth	753	853	881	899	938	949	920	956	971	949	955
Hobart	592	827	870	880	923	944	918	935	951	972	972
Weighted Average ..	559	825	851	886	927	939	917	944	937	956	958

GROUP IV.—HOUSING(b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	701	930	965	1,004	1,035	1,042	1,041	1,041	1,042	1,042	1,043
Melbourne	569	882	909	935	955	969	964	967	970	973	976
Brisbane	373	766	822	841	854	857	855	857	858	859	859
Adelaide	706	795	832	868	888	892	892	892	892	892	893
Perth	524	844	861	872	881	882	883	882	882	882	882
Hobart	452	908	899	913	925	933	932	932	933	933	933
Weighted Average ..	612	879	912	942	965	973	971	972	973	974	976

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	606	878	904	941	972	985	973	988	980	998	1,003
Melbourne	539	835	862	902	945	953	936	957	955	964	957
Brisbane	500	781	824	838	858	875	865	871	869	894	902
Adelaide	618	796	826	862	891	895	883	903	896	897	906
Perth	672	849	871	887	914	921	903	925	934	921	925
Hobart	542	856	879	891	922	938	922	932	942	954	954
Weighted Average ..	578	844	872	906	939	950	936	953	949	961	963

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes.

(b) See note (a) on page 64.

**Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).
("B" Series.)**

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1000.)

Particulars.	1911.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1940.				1941.
							March Qr.	June Qr.	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	606	878	904	941	972	985	973	988	980	998	1,003
Newcastle .. ..	..	858	858	898	934	950	935	949	947	968	968
Broken Hill .. ..	..	837	869	948	970	953	942	956	948	965	1,004
Goulburn .. ..	..	854	872	908	942	950	934	955	949	960	959
Bathurst .. ..	..	829	838	867	900	908	893	913	907	917	917
Weighted Average (a)	..	875	899	937	969	980	968	983	976	994	999
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	539	835	862	902	945	953	936	957	955	964	957
Ballarat .. ..	..	780	794	808	849	843	833	848	843	847	844
Bendigo .. ..	..	777	798	817	851	864	845	867	869	873	867
Geelong .. ..	..	825	833	872	917	915	901	919	919	922	919
Warrnambool .. ..	..	827	842	898	940	944	930	949	947	951	944
Weighted Average (a)	..	831	857	895	938	946	929	950	948	956	950
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	500	781	824	838	858	875	865	871	869	894	902
Toowoomba .. ..	..	774	810	806	830	849	836	849	843	869	866
Rockhampton .. ..	..	757	808	825	843	854	852	858	846	860	874
Townsville .. ..	..	(b)741	877	900	920	925	920	929	921	928	946
Bundaberg .. ..	..	(c)721	752	781	804	817	811	817	808	830	840
Weighted Average (a)	..	777	823	837	858	873	864	871	867	890	899
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	618	796	826	862	891	895	883	903	896	897	906
Kadina, &c. .. ..	..	689	692	702	743	739	729	740	740	746	741
Port Pirie .. ..	..	775	811	838	882	877	865	884	878	882	883
Mount Gambier .. ..	..	745	780	801	838	828	812	831	829	838	834
Peterborough .. ..	..	793	816	836	890	895	886	900	893	900	896
Weighted Average (a)	..	791	821	855	885	888	877	896	889	891	899
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	672	849	871	887	914	921	903	925	934	921	925
Kalgoorlie, &c. .. ..	..	1,064	1,126	1,152	1,178	1,184	1,166	1,175	1,196	1,200	1,215
Northam .. ..	..	858	899	911	936	946	924	943	963	953	962
Bunbury .. ..	..	873	924	945	979	979	966	984	986	981	986
Geraldton .. ..	..	945	999	974	990	995	976	988	1,005	1,009	1,015
Weighted Average (a)	..	867	894	909	936	943	926	946	956	945	949
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	542	856	879	891	922	938	922	932	942	954	954
Launceston .. ..	..	807	843	867	887	901	885	900	905	914	913
Burnie .. ..	..	810	866	881	898	914	897	905	921	934	934
Devonport .. ..	..	790	824	846	865	882	864	873	889	902	903
Queenstown .. ..	..	844	874	900	933	942	931	939	943	956	961
Weighted Average (a)	..	835	865	882	908	923	907	919	927	939	939
Weighted Average for 30 towns .. ..	..	841	869	902	935	945	931	948	944	956	958
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities	578	844	872	906	939	950	936	953	949	961	963
Canberra (A.C.T.) (d) (e)	..	1,019	1,053	1,043	1,026	1,028	1,008	1,033	1,031	1,038	1,038
Charters Towers (Q.) (d)	..	741	727	751	815	827	827	837	819	824	841
Warwick (Q.) (d)	..	721	707	732	783	799	788	801	793	814	826

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) Charters Towers. (c) Warwick. (d) Not included in above weighted averages except for year 1936. (e) New series from 1938. The drop in 1938 was due to revision of sample of houses used for the calculation of average rentals in order to make it more comparable with that of the capital cities and other large towns throughout Australia. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1940.				1941.			Per- cent- age in- crease from July, 1914 to Mar. 1941.
	July.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney	645	925	931	942	1,005	973	968	50.1	
Newcastle	642	953	960	972	1,025	1,013	1,004	56.4	
Broken Hill	821	1,046	1,050	1,057	1,160	1,151	1,145	39.5	
Goulburn	661	973	979	985	1,028	1,012	1,008	52.5	
Bathurst	613	919	921	947	980	962	958	56.3	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	652	930	936	947	1,009	979	975	49.5	
VICTORIA—									
Melbourne	619	909	922	935	969	943	935	51.1	
Ballarat	617	911	920	923	958	928	923	49.6	
Bendigo	619	907	916	933	968	950	942	52.2	
Geelong	609	907	920	929	956	936	928	52.4	
Warrnambool	608	928	932	938	968	948	938	54.3	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	618	909	921	934	968	943	935	51.3	
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane	591	868	877	877	956	926	916	55.0	
Toowoomba	582	823	829	839	918	860	855	46.9	
Rockhampton	646	918	917	919	968	949	939	45.4	
Townsville .. .. .	..	959	956	966	1,014	1,009	990	..
Bundaberg .. .. .	..	914	925	926	981	970	957	..
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	605	876	883	885	959	930	920	52.1	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide	699	872	883	888	908	926	920	31.6	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	956	948	946	973	972	966	40.4	
Port Pirie	722	951	961	980	995	993	998	38.2	
Mount Gambier	595	897	893	894	927	924	915	53.8	
Peterborough	749	957	960	963	984	980	977	30.4	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	697	879	889	894	914	930	925	32.7	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—									
Perth and Fremantle	749	912	919	928	948	953	964	28.7	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,065	1,074	1,075	1,143	1,163	1,164	25.0	
Northam .. .. .	..	945	952	954	1,004	1,013	1,013	..
Bunbury	793	941	944	948	979	979	986	24.3	
Geraldton	808	921	924	923	982	982	991	22.6	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	790	925	932	939	964	971	981	24.2	
TASMANIA—									
Hobart	678	913	924	918	978	980	958	41.3	
Launceston	640	897	910	913	956	950	951	48.6	
Burnie .. .. .	..	924	930	935	1,006	984	997	..
Devonport .. .. .	..	924	927	934	1,002	987	989	..
Queenstown	735	1,003	1,007	1,018	1,068	1,054	1,061	44.4	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	672	912	923	921	976	974	962	43.2	
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	651	912	920	930	978	957	951	46.1	
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities ..	645	908	917	927	975	953	947	46.8	
(a) Lithgow (N.) .. .. .	..	935	936	968	1,013	995	988	..
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .	..	962	964	975	1,026	1,003	998	..
(a) Charters Towers (Q.)	696	957	959	976	990	990	977	40.4	
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	850	854	859	932	916	904	49.4	
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	972	974	978	1,043	1,042	1032	..
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,039	1,053	1,057	1,121	1,101	1,108	..
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,020	1,027	1,035	1,087	1,077	1,064	..

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1000.)

State and Town.	Year 1935.	Year 1936.	Year 1937.	Year 1938.	Year 1939.	Year 1940.	1940.				1941.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	852	866	889	913	936	974	946	970	973	1,008	1,018
Newcastle ..	856	853	849	877	901	945	914	941	945	981	986
Broken Hill ..	819	848	893	940	955	981	954	980	980	1,011	1,041
Goulburn ..	860	864	867	893	916	949	921	946	947	980	990
Bathurst ..	814	833	842	860	883	923	894	918	924	956	963
Weighted Average(b)	852	865	886	911	933	972	943	968	970	1,005	1,015
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	824	844	868	896	924	964	934	963	968	989	996
Ballarat ..	803	826	839	850	874	906	882	903	911	928	936
Bendigo ..	820	821	840	854	875	920	889	916	928	946	949
Geelong ..	824	848	855	884	911	941	915	939	944	966	974
Warrnambool ..	850	851	856	892	918	955	936	951	956	978	984
Weighted Average(b)	824	843	866	893	920	960	930	959	964	985	992
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	780	804	837	852	870	908	887	900	906	938	950
Toowoomba ..	785	802	840	843	858	898	874	890	895	932	937
Rockhampton ..	776	802	840	853	867	905	887	900	900	932	947
Townsville ..	(c)789	(c)810	853	902	918	950	932	947	949	972	991
Bundaberg ..	(d)769	(d)779	809	831	847	879	860	873	875	907	921
Weighted Average(b)	780	803	840	854	871	909	888	902	906	939	951
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	820	839	859	888	906	936	912	934	939	957	970
Kadina, &c. ..	763	765	769	786	810	833	811	826	838	858	862
Port Pirie ..	789	813	844	868	896	919	894	914	923	943	953
Mount Gambier ..	809	818	830	849	872	894	866	887	899	923	928
Peterborough ..	833	843	851	868	897	924	901	918	928	950	954
Weighted Average(b)	817	835	855	883	902	931	907	929	935	953	965
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	834	856	869	882	901	932	902	932	941	953	965
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,011	1,027	1,030	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,064	1,092	1,109	1,131	1,148
Northam ..	829	860	890	900	915	947	912	943	958	973	987
Bunbury ..	865	880	897	914	936	962	934	963	965	985	997
Geraldton ..	886	933	970	957	965	990	958	983	998	1,022	1,033
Weighted Average(b)	848	870	884	897	915	946	916	945	955	969	981
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	849	860	875	887	908	945	918	938	948	976	982
Launceston ..	834	840	856	872	888	926	898	921	929	955	963
Burnie ..	792	814	854	865	879	917	890	907	921	950	956
Devonport ..	801	809	833	848	861	896	869	886	900	927	935
Queenstown ..	873	850	857	875	903	936	914	929	935	967	976
Weighted Average(b)	841	850	866	879	898	936	909	929	938	966	973
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	831	848	871	894	917	954	927	951	956	983	992
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	832	850	873	897	920	957	930	954	959	986	995
Charters Towers (Q.) (e)	789	810	819	839	883	920	904	919	917	938	958
Warwick (Q.) (e) ..	769	779	779	800	834	867	845	863	862	896	911
Port Augusta (S.A.) (f)	822	841	845	863	883	915	883	904	923	949	959
Canberra (f) ..	..	..	..	..	956	988	958	985	992	1,018	1,028

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Five Towns.

(c) Charters Towers. (d) Warwick. (e) Not included in weighted averages above except for years 1935 and 1936.

(f) Not included in weighted averages above.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1941 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.98	5.98	5.98	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.33	6.25	6.38
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.78	4.79	4.79	5.43	5.29	5.29	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.64	8.75	8.75	9.43	9.43	9.14	9.00	9.00	9.20	9.50	9.50	9.50
Tea ..	lb.	31.95	31.95	31.95	33.07	33.58	33.07	36.00	36.00	36.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.92	4.92	4.92	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.36	4.43	4.43	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.85	3.85	3.80
Sago ..	"	4.10	4.20	4.25	4.43	4.43	4.50	4.93	5.14	5.14	4.70	4.70	4.90	4.70	4.80	4.80
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.43	10.29	10.36	11.40	11.40	11.40	10.70	10.70	10.70
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.70	6.70	6.70	7.79	7.79	7.79	9.29	9.29	9.29	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.90	7.90	7.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	2.98	3.08	3.35	3.42	3.50	3.46	3.82	3.79	4.00	3.70	3.70	3.90	3.65	3.65	3.65
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.24	11.24	11.24	11.57	11.57	11.79	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.20	11.20	11.20
Currants ..	"	9.50	9.57	9.57	9.63	9.63	9.63	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.25	9.25	9.25
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.28	17.28	16.89	17.50	17.50	15.17	17.36	17.00	17.29	17.75	17.75	17.75	16.12	16.38	16.38
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.93	11.93	11.93	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.90	11.90	11.90
Pears, canned ..	"	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.14	12.21	12.21	12.00	12.00	12.07	12.60	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	18.65	18.75	19.00	19.00	19.79	20.21	18.13	18.50	19.42	16.00	16.00	18.67	19.88	20.13	20.88
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.55	9.88	10.61	16.80	12.07	10.81	17.93	13.86	10.93	17.76	11.40	9.37	17.70	11.90	9.67
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.00	3.07	2.71	4.42	3.50	2.86	3.17	2.50	2.60	3.75	3.80	3.20	4.17	3.70	3.50
Soap ..	"	6.57	6.60	6.60	6.74	6.74	6.74	7.38	7.38	7.38	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.97	6.97
Kerosene ..	quart	5.11	5.11	5.11	5.46	5.46	5.46	6.63	6.63	6.71	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.15	6.15	6.15
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.50	19.50	19.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.70	19.70	19.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.30	15.30	15.30	14.29	14.29	14.29	16.36	16.36	16.36	14.40	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	18.90	20.70	20.85	19.14	20.86	21.14	19.86	24.07	24.43	15.80	19.20	20.80	16.80	19.20	20.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.50	17.50	17.50	19.57	19.57	19.57	18.00	18.20	18.20	17.40	17.40	17.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.33	9.50	10.21	10.29	10.43	10.10	10.10	10.20	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.13	6.71	6.67	6.71	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.10	12.50	12.20	12.86	13.00	12.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.60	9.60	9.60
" rib ..	"	9.40	9.05	8.85	9.64	9.71	9.79	10.67	11.00	11.00	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.20	8.20	8.20
" steak, rump ..	"	19.20	18.50	17.80	16.00	16.29	16.29	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.20	14.20	14.20
" chuck ..	"	9.10	8.65	8.35	8.93	9.14	9.14	11.14	11.14	11.57	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.80	7.80	7.80
" sausages ..	"	6.75	6.85	6.85	7.71	7.57	7.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.80	8.00	7.80
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.65	10.20	9.95	10.43	10.57	10.57	12.86	13.00	13.00	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.40	9.40	9.40
" brisket ..	"	7.90	7.40	7.45	8.50	8.71	8.57	10.86	10.86	10.86	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.20	8.00	8.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.00	7.70	7.50	9.93	9.93	9.71	9.14	9.14	9.29	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.20	8.20	8.20
" forequarter ..	"	4.70	4.65	4.60	5.57	5.57	5.43	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.40	6.40	6.40	5.60	5.60	5.60
" loin ..	"	8.90	8.65	8.60	9.57	9.71	9.57	7.67	8.14	8.14	10.40	10.40	10.40	8.20	8.20	8.20
" chops, loin ..	"	9.70	9.55	9.40	10.21	10.07	9.93	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.60	10.60	10.60	8.40	8.40	8.40
" chops, leg ..	"	9.05	9.10	8.85	10.29	10.29	9.86	10.71	10.71	10.71	9.60	9.60	9.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	13.30	13.10	15.00	14.86	14.86	13.86	13.86	13.86	13.00	12.80	13.00	12.00	12.00	11.60
" loin ..	"	14.20	14.00	13.90	14.86	14.86	14.71	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.60	13.40	13.60	12.00	12.00	11.60
" chops ..	"	14.25	13.95	13.75	15.00	15.00	14.86	15.71	15.71	15.71	13.80	13.60	13.80	12.00	12.00	11.60
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.09	..	..	242.98	..	..	196.04	..	..	220.23	..	..	212.65	..

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1941; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRENAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.53	5.53	5.53	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.30	6.30	6.30
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.60	4.60	4.60
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	8.00	7.85	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.21	8.21	8.50	7.90	8.10	8.10	8.50	8.50	8.50
Tea ..	lb.	33.25	33.25	33.25	31.43	31.57	31.57	35.00	35.00	34.86	32.50	32.50	32.50	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.27	4.26	4.27	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.86	3.86	3.93	3.93	3.93	4.00	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.70	3.70	3.70
Sago ..	"	4.03	4.05	4.13	4.21	4.29	4.36	4.07	4.36	4.64	4.00	4.20	4.50	4.20	4.40	4.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.35	9.25	9.30	9.36	9.36	9.43	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.80	9.80	9.80
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.43	7.43	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.00	3.03	3.11	2.93	2.86	3.07	3.21	3.18	3.18	3.05	3.10	3.25	3.20	3.30	3.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.75	10.80	10.80	10.57	10.64	10.71	10.64	11.00	10.75	10.70	10.70	10.60	11.50	11.50	11.50
Currants ..	"	9.06	9.14	9.21	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.43	9.43	9.38	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.40	9.40	9.40
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.13	17.33	17.00	16.21	16.07	16.21	17.30	17.08	16.92	16.25	16.10	17.00	16.40	16.40	16.40
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.30	10.35	10.35	9.79	9.79	9.86	10.43	10.43	10.57	9.80	9.90	9.90	10.70	10.70	10.70
Pears, canned ..	"	11.20	11.25	11.20	10.86	10.79	10.79	11.36	11.36	11.43	10.80	11.00	10.90	11.60	11.40	11.60
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	16.89	17.22	17.67	17.36	17.71	17.71	17.36	17.36	18.14	18.13	18.40	18.40	18.50	18.50	18.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.32	8.43	6.00	16.00	6.70	4.63	15.11	9.41	5.89	12.70	7.31	5.92	14.16	7.56	5.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.11	2.38	1.83	3.42	1.67	1.64	3.43	2.57	1.93	2.90	1.90	1.58	2.75	2.20	1.70
Soap ..	"	7.02	7.11	6.98	7.17	7.20	7.20	7.30	7.34	7.59	7.31	7.22	7.13	7.76	7.76	7.76
Kerosene ..	quart	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.72	5.72	5.68	6.07	6.14	6.21	5.45	5.45	5.45	6.05	6.05	6.05
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.79	19.79	19.86	19.20	19.20	19.20	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	13.31	13.31	13.31	13.14	13.29	13.14	13.71	13.71	13.93	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.80	13.80	13.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	18.10	20.05	21.05	16.86	19.57	20.29	17.20	18.26	20.29	17.00	19.40	20.29	17.60	20.00	21.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.45	20.45	20.45	19.29	19.29	19.29	18.50	18.50	18.64	19.60	19.60	19.60	19.00	19.00	19.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.43	9.36	9.36	10.00	10.00	10.07	9.87	9.60	9.60	10.20	10.20	10.20
" fresh ..	quart	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.83	6.83	6.83	5.93	5.93	5.93	7.00	7.00	7.00	5.25	5.25	5.25
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.55	11.75	11.45	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.36	10.43	10.43	11.00	10.70	10.60	10.00	10.00	9.80
" rib ..	"	9.45	9.20	9.25	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.71	8.86	9.00	9.30	9.10	9.10	8.80	8.80	8.80
" steak, rump ..	"	17.40	17.40	17.40	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.43	14.57	14.43	15.40	15.20	15.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.29	7.29	7.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.40	8.40	8.40
" sausages ..	"	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.90	10.00	9.90	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.50	9.57	9.57	10.20	10.00	10.00	9.80	9.80	10.20
" " brisket ..	"	7.60	7.55	7.55	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.14	8.14	8.00	7.70	7.70	7.80	7.80	7.80
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.80	7.75	7.85	7.57	7.57	7.57	8.57	8.36	8.64	7.60	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
" forequarter ..	"	4.60	4.55	4.50	4.71	4.71	4.71	5.29	5.29	5.29	4.90	4.90	4.70	6.20	5.60	5.60
" loin ..	"	7.40	7.35	7.50	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.93	7.21	7.21	7.50	7.40	7.60	8.40	8.20	8.20
" chops, loin ..	"	8.65	8.55	8.65	7.71	7.71	7.86	9.00	9.00	8.86	8.60	8.70	8.60	9.20	9.20	9.20
" chops, leg ..	"	9.05	9.25	9.25	8.71	8.71	8.86	9.14	9.14	9.00	8.40	8.50	8.20	9.20	9.20	9.00
Pork, leg ..	"	12.55	12.25	12.25	11.57	11.71	11.43	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.00	11.70	10.80	12.20	11.80	11.60
" loin ..	"	13.00	12.70	12.80	12.14	12.14	11.57	12.50	12.50	12.33	12.60	12.20	11.20	12.20	11.80	11.60
" chops ..	"	13.60	13.30	13.20	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.00	13.17	13.17	13.80	13.20	11.80	12.80	12.40	12.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	263.04	..	..	177.43	..	..	185.43	..	..	240.40	..	..	236.00	..

RETAIL PRICES.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1941; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.64	4.71	4.71	5.36	5.36	5.33	5.80	5.80	5.80	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.23	8.23	8.23	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.80	8.80	8.80
Tea ..	lb.	31.68	31.77	31.77	31.71	31.86	31.86	32.14	32.14	32.14	33.20	33.40	33.40	30.80	30.80	30.80
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.50	4.50	4.50	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.71	3.79	3.71	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.70
Sago ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.14	4.14	4.29	4.36	4.43	4.58	4.10	4.20	4.50	4.10	4.30	4.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.04	9.00	9.00	8.89	8.95	8.95	9.11	9.11	9.11	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.23	9.23	9.23
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.73	6.73	6.73	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.20	7.20	7.20
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.14	3.39	3.50	3.43	3.57	3.79	3.88	3.96	4.00	3.67	3.67	3.67	3.70	3.70	3.80
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.41	11.36	11.41	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.86	11.86	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.40	11.50	11.50
Currants ..	"	10.17	10.17	10.15	10.36	10.36	10.43	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.30	10.30	10.50	10.50	10.40	10.40
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.73	17.09	17.05	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.57	17.71	17.71	17.25	17.25	17.50	17.20	16.60	17.10
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.73	11.73	11.73	12.07	12.07	12.07	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.10	12.30	12.20	12.10	12.10
Pears, canned ..	"	12.41	12.41	12.41	13.14	13.14	12.86	12.29	12.57	12.71	12.60	12.60	13.00	12.90	12.90	12.90
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	19.05	19.32	19.41	18.83	19.42	20.00	18.58	19.08	19.42	13.50	13.50	15.00	18.13	18.00	18.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.23	10.77	10.50	19.29	9.86	8.64	20.57	14.57	11.43	21.20	19.20	13.20	19.60	15.90	11.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.00	2.95	2.09	3.93	3.00	2.21	3.86	2.93	1.43	4.20	3.30	2.80	4.40	3.60	2.60
Soap ..	"	6.24	6.27	6.27	6.76	6.76	6.76	6.91	6.95	7.00	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.60	6.60	6.60
Kerosene ..	quart	4.76	4.76	4.76	5.52	5.45	5.48	6.46	6.56	6.56	6.44	6.44	6.44	5.55	5.58	5.53
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.29	19.29	19.29	21.00	21.00	21.00	18.80	18.80	18.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	13.36	13.36	13.36	13.86	13.86	13.86	14.57	14.57	14.57	14.60	14.60	14.80	14.00	13.90	14.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	17.55	20.00	20.82	14.57	17.71	18.43	16.29	20.29	21.00	22.20	24.40	24.60	16.00	18.80	20.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	15.50	15.50	15.59	15.00	14.86	14.86	15.79	15.79	15.79	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.00	15.00	15.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.32	9.32	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.20	10.40	10.40	9.80	9.80	9.80
" fresh ..	quart	6.25	6.25	6.25	5.86	5.86	5.86	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.25	8.25	8.25	7.00	7.00	7.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.35	11.15	10.95	8.86	7.71	7.58	9.86	9.86	9.71	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" rib ..	"	8.05	7.90	7.65	6.93	5.93	5.83	6.71	6.64	6.57	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.80	7.80	7.80
" steak, rump ..	"	15.20	14.75	14.20	11.71	10.00	9.67	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chuck ..	"	8.25	8.00	7.55	7.14	5.86	6.00	7.43	7.43	7.29	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.60	7.60	7.80
" sausages ..	"	7.00	7.00	6.90	6.86	6.43	6.43	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.80	7.80	7.80
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.80	9.65	9.15	8.43	7.43	7.42	9.71	9.57	9.57	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
" brisket ..	"	7.55	7.35	7.15	7.21	6.43	6.67	8.29	8.00	8.29	6.90	6.90	6.90	8.00	8.00	8.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.65	8.80	8.70	7.57	7.00	6.92	8.86	8.71	8.86	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.05	5.90	5.75	4.50	4.07	4.17	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	8.20	8.25	8.10	7.43	6.57	6.67	8.71	8.57	8.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.50	8.55	8.40	7.43	6.71	6.67	8.86	8.71	8.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, leg ..	"	8.75	8.85	8.70	7.71	7.00	6.83	8.86	8.71	8.86	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg ..	"	12.05	11.90	11.40	10.93	10.36	10.42	12.57	12.57	12.43	13.00	12.80	12.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
" loin ..	"	12.10	11.90	11.45	10.57	9.71	9.83	12.57	12.57	12.29	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.80	11.80	11.80
" chops ..	"	12.20	12.10	11.55	10.71	10.00	10.17	12.71	12.71	12.57	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.80	11.80	11.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	231.66	..	..	214.71	..	..	204.11	..	..	216.52	..	..	161.87	..

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1941 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

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Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA, MOONTA AND WALLAROO.			PORT PIRIE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.93	4.93	4.93	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.30	7.39	7.85	8.93	9.00	8.93	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.30	9.30	9.30	8.80	8.80	8.88
Tea ..	lb.	32.70	33.05	33.05	34.86	34.79	34.64	33.64	33.64	33.79	34.40	34.60	34.60	34.40	34.60	34.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.26	4.26	4.26	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.07	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago ..	"	3.80	3.85	3.85	4.57	4.57	4.64	4.57	4.57	4.71	4.70	4.80	4.80	4.80	5.00	4.90
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	8.75	8.80	8.85	9.50	9.60	9.63	9.57	9.71	9.71	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.30	10.30
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.55	6.55	6.55	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.90	7.90	7.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.03	3.18	3.23	3.83	3.92	3.92	3.67	3.67	3.83	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.30	3.60	3.70
Raisins, seeded ..	"	9.70	9.70	9.85	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.81	11.81	11.81	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.40	11.40	11.40
Currants ..	"	8.70	8.63	8.72	9.79	9.75	9.86	10.00	10.25	10.20	9.90	10.09	10.00	9.90	9.90	9.90
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.30	16.25	16.55	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.17	17.17	17.40	16.75	16.75	16.75	17.80	17.80	17.80
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.25	10.25	10.25	12.00	12.14	12.14	11.79	11.79	11.79	11.80	12.00	12.00	12.20	12.20	12.20
Pears, canned ..	"	10.20	10.20	10.20	11.83	12.00	12.00	11.71	11.71	11.71	12.00	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	16.80	16.80	16.80	17.40	18.80	18.80	17.43	17.43	17.71	16.67	17.00	17.33	17.70	17.90	17.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	12.57	11.21	9.13	17.17	16.60	13.83	16.29	14.71	11.00	12.10	8.54	6.88	16.40	14.00	12.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	1.29	2.13	1.93	2.33	2.67	3.00	1.93	1.93	2.13	2.50	2.67	2.50	1.70	1.70	2.20
Soap ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.67	7.67	7.71	7.24	7.24	7.24	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47
Kerosene ..	quart	4.89	4.98	4.96	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.70	5.70	5.70
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	20.86	20.86	20.86	19.86	19.79	19.79	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.90	19.90	19.90
Cheese, mild ..	"	12.40	12.40	12.50	14.86	14.86	14.86	15.29	15.29	15.29	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.40	14.40	14.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	14.00	16.25	17.20	11.14	11.93	12.86	12.00	15.57	14.43	12.20	14.40	15.00	10.60	13.00	14.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	18.15	18.15	18.15	19.71	19.71	19.71	19.57	19.57	19.57	19.60	19.60	19.60	19.60	19.60	19.60
Milk, condensed ..	tin	8.95	9.31	9.29	10.00	10.20	10.20	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.20	10.20	9.30	9.50	9.83
" fresh ..	quart	5.85	5.85	5.85	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.65	11.15	11.25	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.14	9.75	9.60	9.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
" rib ..	"	8.60	9.35	9.40	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.71	8.71	9.71	8.75	8.60	8.20	8.00	8.00	8.00
" steak, rump ..	"	14.60	15.40	15.40	13.71	13.71	13.71	14.71	14.71	15.71	13.50	13.60	13.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chuck ..	"	9.10	9.80	9.80	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.86	10.00	10.71	7.75	7.80	7.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
" sausages ..	"	5.90	5.80	5.80	6.57	6.57	6.57	6.71	6.71	6.86	5.50	5.25	5.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.50	11.15	11.05	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.71	10.71	11.71	9.75	9.80	9.80	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	7.95	8.20	8.25	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.86	7.75	7.80	7.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.70	8.15	8.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	8.86	8.86	9.00	6.25	6.60	6.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
" forequarter ..	"	4.05	4.50	4.30	5.71	5.71	5.71	5.86	5.86	5.86	4.25	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
" loin ..	"	6.85	7.45	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.57	6.00	6.40	6.20	6.00	6.00	6.00
" chops, loin ..	"	7.90	8.30	8.30	8.14	8.00	8.00	9.57	9.57	9.71	7.25	7.80	7.60	8.50	8.50	8.50
" chops, leg ..	"	8.80	9.20	9.20	8.43	8.29	8.29	9.71	9.71	9.86	7.25	7.40	7.20	9.00	9.00	9.00
Pork, leg ..	"	10.60	10.40	9.80	10.71	10.57	10.71	12.00	11.43	11.14	9.75	9.80	9.80	12.00	12.00	12.00
" loin ..	"	11.55	11.20	10.85	10.57	10.57	10.71	11.86	10.86	10.29	9.75	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops ..	"	11.45	11.20	10.80	10.57	10.42	10.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	10.50	10.60	10.60	12.00	12.00	12.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.68	..	..	97.47	..	..	179.79	..	..	176.36	..	..	193.69	..

RETAIL PRICES.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1941 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.10	5.10	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.20	5.20	5.20
" self-raising ..	"	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.38	8.50	8.50	7.73	7.73	7.73
Tea ..	lb.	32.90	32.89	32.89	34.86	35.00	35.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	34.80	35.00	35.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.96	4.96	4.96	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.65	3.65	3.65	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.10	4.10	4.10
Sago ..	"	4.10	4.10	4.30	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.25	4.63	4.20	4.20	4.20
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.70	9.70	9.65	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.80	10.80	10.80
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.40	7.40	7.45	10.21	10.21	10.21	7.90	7.90	7.90	8.13	8.25	8.25	8.80	8.80	8.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.80	3.93	4.14	4.14	4.18	3.50	3.88	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.20
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.75	10.75	10.95	12.29	12.14	12.14	11.80	11.80	11.80	10.88	11.17	11.17	11.40	11.40	11.50
Currants ..	"	9.55	9.55	9.55	10.07	10.07	10.21	9.60	9.70	9.70	9.88	9.88	9.88	10.10	10.10	10.10
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.30	16.11	16.40	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.80	16.80	16.80	18.00	18.50	18.00	17.80	17.80	17.80
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	12.15	12.05	12.05	13.14	13.14	13.14	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.00	13.20	13.20
Pears, canned ..	"	13.00	12.80	12.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.20	13.40	13.40
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	17.72	18.17	18.39	19.83	19.80	20.00	19.80	19.80	20.60	19.33	19.75	19.75	19.00	18.75	19.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	9.95	10.30	10.75	13.79	12.21	12.21	11.90	11.90	11.90	10.13	10.25	10.63	12.00	12.00	12.20
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.85	2.90	2.80	4.43	4.00	4.00	3.40	3.70	3.70	3.25	3.25	3.25	4.00	3.00	3.00
Soap ..	"	6.67	6.67	6.67	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33
Kerosene ..	quart	5.45	5.48	5.49	7.30	7.33	7.33	5.79	5.81	5.79	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.53	6.53	6.53
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.05	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.20	15.20	15.20	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.60	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	16.56	20.00	22.40	17.71	23.43	25.14	11.60	20.00	22.00	16.00	18.50	22.25	14.20	18.00	22.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.40	17.40	17.40	18.86	18.86	18.86	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.50	16.50	17.80	17.80	17.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.40	9.40	9.45	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.88	9.88	9.88	10.60	10.60	10.60
" fresh ..	quart	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	9.90	9.90	10.30	11.86	13.00	13.00	10.25	10.25	10.00	11.80	11.00	10.80	10.00	10.00	10.00
" rib ..	"	8.75	8.80	8.90	10.86	12.00	12.00	9.25	9.25	9.00	10.00	9.80	9.80	9.00	9.00	9.00
" steak, rump ..	"	15.90	15.90	16.60	18.00	18.00	18.14	16.00	16.00	15.88	16.00	16.00	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	8.70	8.70	9.20	10.86	12.14	12.14	10.25	10.25	10.13	10.40	10.00	10.20	8.33	8.33	8.67
" sausages ..	"	7.70	7.60	7.60	8.71	8.71	8.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	8.95	8.95	8.95	11.86	13.00	13.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
" brisket ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.20	8.29	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	8.00	7.80	8.00	8.33	8.33	8.67
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.85	7.85	8.10	10.29	11.00	11.00	8.25	8.25	8.38	9.20	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
" forequarter ..	"	4.90	4.80	4.90	6.14	6.00	6.00	5.13	4.88	5.25	6.00	6.00	6.20	5.00	5.00	5.33
" loin ..	"	7.70	7.60	7.55	10.29	10.00	10.14	7.25	7.00	8.00	9.20	9.40	9.40	7.67	7.67	7.67
" chops, loin ..	"	8.55	8.70	8.70	11.29	11.29	11.00	9.25	9.25	9.50	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.33	8.00	8.00
" chops, leg ..	"	8.70	8.60	8.70	11.14	11.29	11.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Pork, leg ..	"	12.00	11.90	11.90	14.14	14.14	14.86	11.75	11.75	11.25	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" loin ..	"	12.30	12.00	12.00	13.29	13.57	14.00	11.00	11.00	10.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops ..	"	12.50	12.30	12.30	14.86	14.86	15.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		237.86			330.23			224.72			251.63			268.32	

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1941; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.**

RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.20	4.20	4.20	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	7.70	7.65	7.65	7.36	7.36	7.36	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.20	8.20	8.30	7.88	7.88	7.88
Tea ..	lb.	32.90	33.10	33.10	33.14	33.14	33.14	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	32.75	33.00	33.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.80	3.80	3.85	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.13	4.13	4.13
Sago ..	"	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.07	4.07	4.29	4.30	4.50	4.70	4.50	4.50	4.70	4.38	4.38	4.38
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.36	8.29	8.29	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.20	8.25	8.25	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.70	7.70	7.70	9.63	9.63	9.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.73	3.73	3.36	3.36	3.36	3.40	3.60	3.60	3.25	3.35	3.35	4.75	4.75	4.75
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.13	11.38	11.63
Currants ..	"	9.80	9.80	9.85	9.42	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.88	9.88	10.10	10.00	10.00	10.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.57	18.14	18.14	16.25	16.25	16.30	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.25	18.75	18.75	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.55	11.55	11.55	11.36	11.36	11.36	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.70	11.70	11.90	11.88	11.88	11.88
Pears, canned ..	"	11.55	11.65	11.65	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	17.67	19.14	19.50	17.83	18.20	18.67	17.50	19.00	19.50	18.40	18.40	18.40	17.00	17.50	19.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.11	14.02	10.31	14.93	10.40	8.47	17.36	9.38	9.57	14.72	9.88	8.78	16.65	11.25	12.13
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.95	3.55	2.75	3.67	3.58	2.83	3.50	2.60	2.40	3.90	3.30	3.00	3.75	4.25	4.13
Soap ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.00	7.00	7.00
Kerosene ..	quart	6.25	6.26	6.28	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.63	6.61	6.63	6.88	6.88	6.98	7.92	7.92	7.92
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.25	19.25	19.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.13	14.13	14.13	12.93	12.93	12.93	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.40	13.80	13.80	14.50	14.50	14.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	12.35	22.00	18.00	11.57	19.71	18.43	14.40	17.60	18.40	11.80	14.40	17.20	17.75	19.00	22.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.40	17.40	17.40	16.71	16.86	17.00	16.10	16.80	16.80	17.40	17.75	17.75	16.75	16.50	16.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.75	9.75	9.80	9.57	9.57	9.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fresh ..	quart	6.67	6.67	6.78	6.00	6.00	6.68	6.33	6.33	7.33	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.50	10.60	10.50	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.67	11.67	11.67
" rib ..	"	9.20	9.30	9.35	8.93	8.93	8.79	9.25	9.25	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.33	10.67	10.67	10.67
" steak, rump ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.10	14.14	14.14	14.00	13.50	13.50	13.50	11.67	11.67	11.67	14.67	14.67	14.67
" chuck ..	"	8.80	8.70	8.75	7.57	7.57	7.57	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.67	8.33	8.67	10.67	10.67	10.67
" sausages ..	"	7.20	7.10	7.00	6.71	6.57	6.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.33	8.33	8.33	8.67	8.67	8.67
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.40	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.67	9.67	9.67	11.67	11.67	11.67
" brisket ..	"	8.90	8.80	8.70	8.50	8.50	8.38	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	10.67	10.67	10.67
" Mutton, leg ..	"	9.30	9.00	8.80	9.50	9.50	9.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.33	12.33	12.33
" forequarter ..	"	5.95	5.65	5.45	6.57	6.57	6.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.67	9.67	9.67	10.33	10.33	10.33
" loin ..	"	8.35	8.35	7.90	9.14	9.00	9.00	10.00	9.50	10.00	11.33	11.33	11.33	12.33	12.33	12.33
" chops, loin ..	"	9.80	9.90	9.40	11.14	11.14	11.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.33	12.33	12.33
" chops, leg ..	"	10.50	10.30	10.00	10.86	10.86	10.86	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.33	12.33	12.33
Pork, leg ..	"	12.20	12.30	12.10	11.71	11.86	11.86	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.33	10.33	10.33	12.67	12.67	12.67
" loin ..	"	12.50	12.40	12.10	11.71	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.67	12.67	12.67
" chops ..	"	13.00	13.20	12.80	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.33	11.33	11.33	12.67	12.67	12.67
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	251.52	..	..	231.30	..	..	211.97	..	..	193.45	..	..	204.36	..

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,885	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,808
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,386	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,717

NOTE.—The above index of wholesale prices was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 80 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. Comparisons of wholesale price index-numbers over the past 10 years are shown in tables which follow.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 ..	823	1,022	586	976	604	1,000	745	1,066	732	815
1933-34 ..	808	794	792	917	697	991	738	977	755	811
1934-35 ..	766	842	609	840	674	981	816	1,009	749	814
1935-36 ..	725	895	774	816	766	981	857	1,037	776	840
1936-37 ..	758	925	920	814	963	1,044	910	1,088	828	892
1937-38 ..	798	951	776	824	844	1,098	932	1,117	845	911
1938-39 ..	807	944	633	833	806	1,024	961	1,087	862	916
1939-40 ..	827	1,083	806	880	1,013	1,144	936	1,214	859	944
1937-38—										
October ..	799	955	841	821	965	1,119	969	1,129	875	936
November ..	795	953	768	821	848	1,099	903	1,116	824	885
December ..	792	952	785	823	866	1,082	876	1,111	805	879
January ..	804	952	719	822	816	1,085	888	1,110	813	885
February ..	800	951	696	831	744	1,077	896	1,104	817	886
March ..	801	949	676	831	734	1,071	913	1,110	828	894
April ..	801	947	662	831	714	1,071	933	1,099	841	903
May ..	799	946	663	831	691	1,059	952	1,092	854	911
June ..	797	944	635	831	684	1,061	986	1,094	875	928
1938-39—										
July ..	801	945	655	831	750	1,019	1,001	1,086	887	936
August ..	802	944	648	831	772	1,023	1,027	1,107	899	949
September ..	803	943	624	831	772	1,016	990	1,096	876	929
October ..	806	943	635	832	847	1,028	963	1,087	865	918
November ..	806	943	643	832	840	1,028	916	1,084	833	893
December ..	803	942	621	832	809	1,028	905	1,087	822	886
January ..	811	941	624	833	821	1,028	936	1,105	840	903
February ..	795	944	635	834	812	1,028	957	1,079	860	912
March ..	814	944	624	835	819	1,028	1,017	1,077	906	947
April ..	814	945	621	835	802	1,022	990	1,077	886	932
May ..	814	946	625	835	809	1,022	915	1,081	834	893
June ..	814	947	645	835	818	1,013	914	1,080	834	893
1939-40—										
July ..	815	946	663	835	805	1,013	904	1,077	828	888
August ..	816	944	659	835	825	1,013	894	1,077	821	882
September ..	816	948	787	835	931	1,098	907	1,125	833	902
October ..	816	993	850	835	986	1,099	934	1,157	852	925
November ..	829	1,089	855	835	1,046	1,134	924	1,195	849	931
December ..	829	1,087	842	839	1,085	1,140	920	1,231	844	937
January ..	829	1,096	844	922	1,082	1,139	927	1,234	854	946
February ..	830	1,097	816	923	1,098	1,200	935	1,249	861	955
March ..	833	1,140	834	923	1,089	1,201	951	1,266	875	969
April ..	849	1,152	843	924	1,063	1,203	971	1,275	891	985
May ..	835	1,274	843	924	1,084	1,201	987	1,329	902	1,006
June ..	835	1,279	838	924	1,062	1,287	974	1,352	894	1,006
1940-41—										
July ..	835	1,280	836	1,006	1,052	1,287	970	1,361	893	1,007
August ..	835	1,275	825	1,014	1,050	1,359	986	1,373	907	1,020
September ..	835	1,272	838	1,014	1,051	1,359	993	1,368	912	1,023
October ..	841	1,282	850	1,012	1,059	1,359	994	1,398	907	1,027
November ..	841	1,282	843	1,019	1,112	1,359	962	1,392	889	1,011
December ..	841	1,286	852	1,019	1,106	1,359	977	1,409	895	1,020
January ..	847	1,285	853	1,020	1,092	1,354	987	1,409	902	1,026
February ..	848	1,283	852	1,020	1,084	1,355	945	1,415	871	1,003
March ..	848	1,284	868	1,022	1,094	1,355	942	1,415	870	1,002

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base 1928-29 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 33. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of the Commonwealth.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and to provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.			Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	..	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33	..	..	679	538	610	597	686	1,718	618
1933-34	..	..	675	801	599	722	684	1,817	731
1934-35	..	..	749	596	646	655	689	2,002	674
1935-36	..	..	803	767	711	768	735	2,062	781
1936-37	..	..	950	857	761	870	795	2,039	877
1937-38	..	..	850	789	829	817	879	2,045	836
1938-39	..	..	770	681	868	745	756	2,075	761
1939-40	..	..	767	737	832	764	802	2,289	788
1939-40—									
October	..	..	780	785	832	768	838	2,484	797
November	..	..	731	742	832	755	840	2,495	787
December	..	..	716	746	832	752	838	2,501	784
January	..	..	707	748	831	779	864	2,504	809
February	..	..	779	764	826	780	882	2,509	812
March	..	..	794	776	826	791	891	2,509	822
April	..	..	827	784	826	805	893	2,510	834
May	..	..	821	805	826	814	893	2,510	842
June	..	..	819	795	826	809	895	2,507	837
1940-41—									
July	..	..	819	801	824	811	894	2,484	837
August	..	..	826	817	826	822	896	2,501	848
September	..	..	847	814	826	827	897	2,510	853
October	..	..	840	813	826	824	897	2,519	850
November	..	..	847	778	826	810	916	2,519	841
December	..	..	851	786	823	814	915	2,519	844
January	..	..	865	787	821	819	923	2,519	849
February	..	..	840	773	814	802	916	2,513	834
March	..	..	835	769	816	800	916	2,519	832
1st 9 months, 1939-40	..	..	749	718	833	749	843	2,434	780
1st 9 months, 1940-41	..	..	841	793	822	814	908	2,512	848

(a) Year ended December previous.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1938-39.		1939-40.		1940-41.	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,000	1,000	July	744	769	679	712	848	882
1929-30	812	817	August	716	743	674	707	844	879
1930-31	608	620	September	685	716	765	803	846	881
1931-32	593	612	October	693	723	796	833	847	882
1932-33	579	601	November	679	711	799	835	847	883
1933-34	796	764	December	668	701	807	843	847	882
1934-35	615	642	January	676	707	844	879	848	883
1935-36	782	806	February	674	705	844	879	855	889
1936-37	959	975	March	655	688	846	881	859	894
1937-38	850	871	April	650	683	847	882	..	..
1938-39	681	711	May	649	683	848	883	..	..
1939-40	800	835	June	669	702	849	884	..	..

NOTE.—While the above index-numbers indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.				Retail Price Index-numbers.				Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
				Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—										
1911 ..	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	4.7
1914 ..	..	..	..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 ..	..	..	..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928 ..	..	..	..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1935 ..	..	..	..	1,442	1,372	1,416	1,380	1,612	1,169	16.5
1936 ..	..	..	..	1,475	1,437	1,461	1,409	1,638	1,162	12.2
1937 ..	..	..	..	1,521	1,488	1,510	1,448	1,707	1,178	9.3
1938 ..	..	..	..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939 ..	..	..	..	1,657	1,577	1,628	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940 ..	..	..	..	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
Quarter—										
1930.										
September ..	..	..	..	1,673	1,692	1,680	1,607	1,939	1,207	20.5
December ..	..	..	..	1,568	1,625	1,590	1,542	1,887	1,224	23.4
1931.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,538	1,560	1,546	1,500	1,814	1,209	25.8
June ..	..	..	..	1,496	1,501	1,498	1,464	1,764	1,205	27.6
September ..	..	..	..	1,435	1,447	1,439	1,423	1,735	1,219	28.3
December ..	..	..	..	1,439	1,382	1,418	1,406	1,694	1,205	28.0
1932.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,465	1,358	1,425	1,403	1,680	1,197	28.3
June ..	..	..	..	1,448	1,345	1,403	1,389	1,672	1,204	30.0
September ..	..	..	..	1,416	1,327	1,382	1,370	1,608	1,174	29.6
December ..	..	..	..	1,369	1,314	1,348	1,346	1,597	1,186	28.1
1933.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,317	1,318	1,318	1,327	1,585	1,194	26.5
June ..	..	..	..	1,337	1,314	1,329	1,334	1,595	1,196	25.7
September ..	..	..	..	1,359	1,311	1,341	1,340	1,587	1,184	25.1
December ..	..	..	..	1,355	1,311	1,339	1,337	1,570	1,174	23.0
1934.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,371	1,315	1,350	1,344	1,572	1,170	21.9
June ..	..	..	..	1,404	1,319	1,372	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9
September ..	..	..	..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December ..	..	..	..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June ..	..	..	..	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September ..	..	..	..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December ..	..	..	..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June ..	..	..	..	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September ..	..	..	..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December ..	..	..	..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June ..	..	..	..	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	..	..	..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	..	..	..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June ..	..	..	..	1,572	1,534	1,553	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	..	..	..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	..	..	..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June ..	..	..	..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	..	..	..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	..	..	..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June ..	..	..	..	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	..	..	..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	..	..	..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.										
March ..	..	..	..	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,651	..	..	5.3

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914=1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1940.
Population(a) { Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,565,097
{ Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,503,592
{ Persons	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,068,689
Births .. { No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	126,347
{ Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.02
Deaths .. { No.	33,327	47,430	46,380	47,869	54,076	56,560	68,384
{ Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	9.75
Marriages .. { No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	77,887
{ Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	11.11
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1938-39.
Agriculture--							
Wheat .. { Area, acs.	2,995,814	3,334,957	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	14,741,313	14,346,380
{ Yld., bshl.	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	190,612,188	155,368,621
{ Av., " "	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	10.83
Oats .. { Area, acs.	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,085,489	1,784,205
{ Yld., bshl.	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	15,194,680	15,554,735
{ Av., " "	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.56	16.66	14.00	8.72
Barley .. { Area, acs.	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	744,737
{ Yld., bshl.	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,085,685	6,290,672	10,830,714
{ Av., " "	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	14.54
Maize .. { Area, acs.	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	324,146
{ Yld., bshl.	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,062,383	7,056,642
{ Av., " "	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	21.77
Hay .. { Area, acs.	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	2,634,680	3,250,260
{ Yld., tons	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,167,459	3,321,161
{ Av., " "	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.02
Potatoes(b) { Area, acs.	76,265	112,884	109,685	136,463	149,144	145,111	98,048
{ Yld., tons	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	274,441
{ Av., " "	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	2.80
Sugar-cane (c) { Area, acs.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	262,305
{ Yld., tons	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	4,213,453	5,678,894
{ Av., " "	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	21.65
Vineyards .. { Area, acs.	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	126,507
{ Wine, gal.	1,438,060	3,437,598	5,262,447	4,975,147	8,542,573	14,190,522	14,957,537
Total gross value all agricultural production £	15,519,000	16,988,000	23,835,000	23,774,000	81,890,000	74,489,000	76,851,000
Pastoral, dairying, &c.--							
Live Stock (a) { Sheep No.	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	110,618,893	119,305,190
{ Cattle	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,256	14,441,309	12,260,955	13,091,175
{ Horses	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,224	2,438,182	1,775,550	1,697,848
{ Pigs	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	1,167,845	1,453,653
Wool prodn., lb. (greasy)	319,649,000	634,046,000	539,395,000	798,391,000	723,059,000	1,007,455,847	1,128,140,877
Butter production .. { f.,	(g)	42,314,585	103,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	390,654,070	476,886,689
Cheese production .. { f.,	(g)	10,150,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	31,422,973	69,938,800
Bacon and ham .. { f.,	(g)	16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	71,121,740	74,453,963
Total gross value of pastoral and dairying production .. £	29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	72,883,000	119,399,000	103,018,000	145,299,000
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1938.
Mineral production--							
Gold .. £	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	3,563,519	14,026,615
Silver and Lead .. £	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,698	3,022,177	1,539,992	1,443,897	4,745,046
Copper .. £	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	567,558	893,080
Tin .. £	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	216,207	711,628
Zinc .. £	206	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	512,798	916,905
Coal .. £	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	11,014,831	6,355,246	7,539,022
Total value of all mineral production .. £	7,820,290	12,074,106	21,816,772	23,302,878	19,997,384	13,352,316	32,462,995
Forestry production--							
Quantity of local timber							
sawn or hewn--					1921-22.	1931-32.	1938-39.
1,000 sup. ft.	(g)	(g)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	717,015
Factories--							
No. of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,941
Hands employed ..				311,710	378,540	336,658	565,106
Wages paid .. £	(h)	(h)	(h)	27,528,377	68,050,861	55,931,818	106,743,062
Value of production .. £				51,259,004	121,674,119	110,981,830	203,416,610
Total value of output £				133,022,090	320,331,765	281,645,785	500,419,977

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated for 1881. (c) Area of productive cane. (d) At 31st December, 1939. (e) 1939-40 figures. (f) Years ended December, except for last two columns which refer to years ended June. (g) Information not available. (h) Owing to variation in classification, and lack of information, effective comparison is impossible.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1939-40.
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels { No. 3,284 3,778 4,028 4,174 3,111 3,057 (a) 3,814							
ent. & cleared { tons 2,549,364 4,726,307 6,541,991 9,984,801 9,081,278 11,395,784 (a) 13,545,712							
Commerce—							
Imports, oversea £ 29,067,000 37,711,000 42,434,000 66,967,488 103,066,436 44,712,868 b 115,675,505							
per head £ 12/16/2 11/16/0 11/3/11 14/18/2 18/14/1 6/16/6 16/10/8							
Exports, oversea £ 27,528,000 36,043,000 49,696,000 79,482,258 127,846,535 c 85,842,887 bc 118,762,122							
per head £ 12/2/8 11/5/6 13/2/2 17/13/10 23/4/1 13/1/11 16/19/6							
Total oversea trade £ 56,595,000 73,754,000 92,130,000 146,449,746 230,912,971 130,555,755 d 234,437,627							
per head £ 24/18/10 23/1/6 24/6/1 32/12/0 41/18/2 19/18/5 33/10/2							
Customs and Excise duties £ 4,809,326 7,440,869 8,656,530 13,515,005 27,565,199 28,524,996 53,733,094							
per head £ 2/2/5 2/6/7 2/5/8 2/19/2 5/0/1 4/7/1 7/13/7							
Principal Oversea Exports (d)—							
Wool .. { lb. (greasy) 328,369,200 619,259,800 518,018,100 720,364,900 927,833,700 893,644,148 (e)							
cental 13,173,026 19,940,029 15,237,454 26,071,193 47,977,044 32,102,246 56,958,877							
Wheat .. { £ 3,218,792 5,876,875 12,156,035 33,088,704 59,968,334 76,440,603 (e)							
£ 1,189,762 1,938,364 2,774,643 9,641,608 23,644,155 19,220,203 7,557,370							
Flour .. { tons 49,549 33,363 96,814 175,891 359,734 610,858							
£ 519,635 328,423 589,604 1,391,529 5,519,881 3,833,237 5,231,485							
Butter .. lb. 1,298,500 4,239,500 34,607,400 101,722,100 127,347,400 201,639,404 (e)							
£ 39,383 206,868 1,451,168 4,637,362 7,968,078 10,250,002 15,894,718							
Hides and skins £ 316,878 873,695 1,250,938 3,227,236 3,136,810 2,315,594 4,157,709							
Tallow .. £ 644,149 571,069 677,745 1,935,836 1,441,795 831,415 847,973							
Meats .. £ 362,965 460,894 2,611,244 4,303,159 5,542,102 6,370,012 15,109,128							
Timber (undressed) £ 118,117 38,448 731,301 1,023,980 1,158,166 432,595 490,161							
Gold .. £ 6,446,365 5,703,532 14,315,741 12,045,766 3,483,239 12,694,786 (e)							
Silver and lead £ 57,954 1,932,278 2,250,253 3,212,584 2,697,130 2,902,056 (e)							
Copper .. £ 676,515 417,687 1,619,145 2,345,961 705,358 472,468 (e)							
Coal .. £ 361,081 645,972 986,957 900,622 1,099,899 341,800 251,055							
Govt. Railways—							
Lgh. of line open, mls. 3,832 9,541 12,579 16,078 23,502 26,959 27,251							
Capital cost .. £ 42,741,350 99,764,090 123,223,779 152,194,603 244,353,233 323,365,450 319,616,853							
Gross revenue £ 3,910,122 8,654,085 11,038,468 17,847,837 38,194,630 37,579,965 46,588,136							
Working expenses £ 2,141,735 5,630,182 7,133,617 10,945,727 29,817,970 28,141,984 36,368,089							
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings % 54.77 65.06 64.63 61.33 78.07 74.88 78.06							
Postal—							
Letters and post-cards dealt with No. 67,640,000 157,297,000 220,853,000 453,063,000 561,973,105 f 731,134,500 881,909,600							
per head £ 29.61 49.07 58.26 100.90 102.01 111.62 126.13							
Newspapers dealt with No. 38,063,000 85,280,000 102,727,000 141,638,000 140,477,184 139,502,100 157,676,900							
per head £ 16.66 26.61 27.10 31.54 25.50 21.30 22.55							
Cheque-paying Banks(g)—							
Note circulation £ 3,978,711 4,417,269 3,399,462 3,718,458 (h) 213,868 197,121 i 166,670							
Coin and bullion held £ 9,108,243 16,712,923 19,780,528 33,470,770 21,626,832 2,882,026 j 4,048,172							
Advances .. £ 57,732,824 129,741,533 86,352,832 108,578,774 193,435,760 260,917,515 k 328,073,951							
Deposits .. £ 53,849,455 98,345,338 91,487,148 143,446,910 273,866,737 431,241,333 l 455,880,235							
Savings Banks (l)—							
Total deposits £ 7,854,480 15,536,592 30,882,645 59,392,682 154,396,051 197,966,308 m 249,294,821							
Aver. per head of population £ 3/10/5 4/18/7 8/3/0 13/8/5 28/0/4 30/1/11 35/5/7							
State Schools					1921.	1931.	1938.
Number of Schools .. 4,494 6,231 7,012 8,060 9,445 10,097 10,029							
Teachers .. No. 9,028 12,564 14,500 16,971 26,120 33,762 30,994							
Enrolment .. 432,320 561,153 638,478 638,850 819,042 936,901 934,990							
Aver. attendance .. 255,143 350,773 450,246 463,799 666,498 817,262 757,669							

(a) 1938-39 figures. (b) Merchandise only. (c) British currency values. The recorded values were: Exports, 1931-32, £A109,034,065; and 1939-40, £A148,749,558 *vide* page 18. (d) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (e) Not available for publication. (f) Includes packets. (g) Figures for the first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (h) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (i) Quarter ended March, 1941. (j) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits. (k) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (l) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (m) At 31st March, 1941.

